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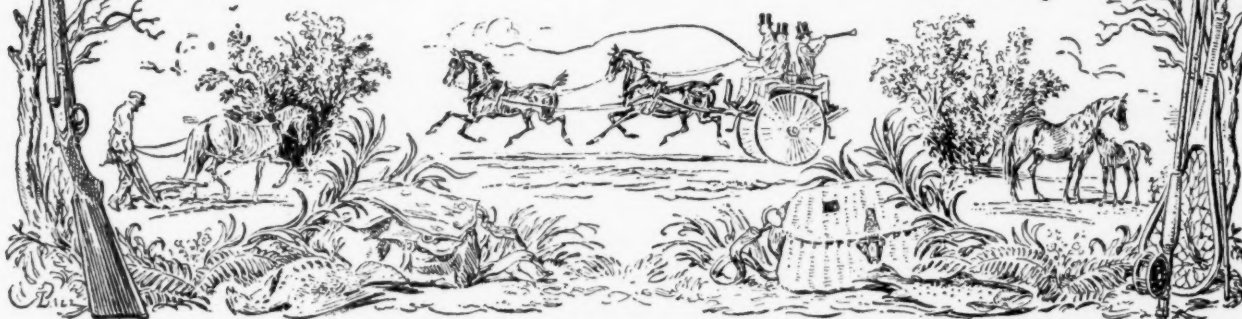
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Michael Lyne



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THE EXPANSION OF BEAGLING

One of the most significant and encouraging developments in organized hunting during the past year has been the marked increase of interest in beagling. The roster of the National Beagle Club which appears elsewhere in this issue, includes six new packs. The reports which The Chronicle has published throughout the last twelve months record, again and again, the larger fields and mounting enthusiasm which everywhere prevail.

To those for whom the sweet cry of hounds is the most appealing of all music, beagling offers undeniable advantages. It can be carried on in a wide variety of locations, including countries which are becoming too built up to carry on fox hunting. The quarry, whether they be cottontails, jack rabbits or European hare, require much less protection than red foxes and are found in much greater numbers. Landowner relations are much simpler; less territory is required, there are no panels to build, and feet are reputed to do less damage than hoofs. The cost of maintaining a pack of beagles is much lower than that of maintaining a pack of foxhounds, while the beagler who is sound of wind and limb can prepare him or herself for the chase at a relatively low figure—hunting kit is less expensive and there are no horses to buy.

An even more fundamental advantage is that beagling offers an opportunity to see and appreciate hound work, uncomplicated by problems of horsemanship. By definition hunting (as contrasted with shooting) is the pursuit of game with hounds. Certainly hunting means many things to many people—not only hounds, but horses, galloping and jumping, outdoor exercise, views of the countryside, glamorous clothes, the society of one's friends, social prestige and all the rest. The fact remains, however, that hounds occupy the center of the picture and rightly so. One can go just so far and no farther with the background features, but the noble science knows no limits and offers the greatest of rewards. To your true hound man no day in the field is a bad day. If he can watch hounds work his cup is full.

Many people who become interested in foxhunting through cross country riding, as they learn more and more transfer their primary interest from horses to hounds. They are the lifelong foxhunters. When the time comes when they can no longer ride, because of age, infirmities or finances, they can still hunt on foot, from a car or from a hilltop. But for those who hunt only to ride, the game is over when the riding stops—which is often far too early in life.

It follows that one of the real problems of a Master of Foxhounds is to teach and instill in the members of his field an understanding of

and enthusiasm for hound work. There is nothing which can solve this problem as well as a pack of beagles. In fact perhaps the most significant development of the past year is that in addition to the six new beagle packs a seventh is in the making. Wallace C. Harrison, Master of the Rocky Fork-Headley Hunt, has obtained a draft from the Trewern Beagles. They will be kennelled with the foxhounds and will certainly play a major part in making good foxhunters, as well as cross country riders, in that part of the world. We commend this course to the Masters of Foxhounds of this country.

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Letters To The Editor

Good Wishes

Dear Sir:

At the annual meeting of the Virginia Horse Show Association held in Charlottesville on Sunday, December 5th, I as president for the year 1954 received the following telegram which I failed to read at the meeting:

Branchville, Va., James H. Blackwell, President of the Virginia Horse Show Assn., Monticello Hotel, Charlottesville, Va.

"Sincere congratulations to all of my Tidewater circuit winners. Regret very much my inability to attend this joyous occasion. However, my heart and thoughts are with you all today. Would appreciate if you would convey these good wishes to many friends who have assembled in your hospitable city today to receive their so richly deserved 1954 award. May this be the beginning of a more perfect and lasting friendship between the Hunter and Jumper enthusiasts and my good gaited exhibitors of Carolina and Virginia. To achieve such harmony, I have labored faithfully during the past season. My best to you and the splendid support and cooperation you have rendered me during the 1954 show season.

Col. R. E. Barrett

I would like to add that the interest and support our Association has received from the Tidewater section this year has been a great addition. We are in closer contact with the Horse Shows and Exhibitors from more sections of the state than ever before.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Blackwell

Charlottesville,
Virginia.

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Hearty Agreement

Dear Sir:

May I be allowed to express to you my sincere admiration for and hearty agreement with your editorial re horse care in your issue of November 19.

Your magazine reaches every person associated with horses, so I trust you
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Tax Comment For Horsemen

Donald G. Tripp

The question of whether or not a horse racing or horse breeding enterprise constitutes a "business", thus permitting an income tax deduction for losses incurred, has been previously discussed. Assuming for the purpose of this discussion that the horse venture meets the requirements of a business, the question arises as to what business expenses may be used to offset the gross income or winnings to arrive at a net income or loss.

It is obvious that the cost of feed, wages paid to trainers and stable boys and other direct cash expenditures are deductible. There are also items of an intangible nature that are proper and legal deductions in computing net income such as depreciation and obsolescence.

The Internal Revenue Code states generally (Sec. 23) that, in computing net income there shall be allowed as a deduction a reasonable allowance for exhaustion, wear and tear (including a reasonable allowance for obsolescence).

(1) of property used in the trade or business or,

(2) of property held for the production of income.

To the owner and operator of a racing stable, whether it be composed of one horse or fifty, the horse is property used in a business and, being subject to wear and tear is also subject to a "reasonable allowance" for depreciation.

The Code and Regulations hold that where a taxpayer buys items of a capital nature he may not deduct the cost in the year of purchase or payment. Instead, he must estimate the number of years of useful life of the asset and deduct a proportionate part of the cost each year over the useful life. The basic principle of depreciation is that there should be charged against income each year the share of the cost that wears out.

The Bureau has established normal or standard rates of depreciation for certain kinds of assets and published them as a guide to taxpayers. It has, however, laid down no specific rules or guides for the depreciation of race horses. The useful life of a race horse is a question of fact and may vary in each case depending on the individual horse. Some accountants and tax men have, through lack of knowledge about horses or carelessness, applied a uniform and arbitrary rate to all horses of the same age. Others have gone so far as to apply a uniform rate to all horses regardless of age. This fails to meet the requirement of a "reasonable allowance" and may result in a disallowance of the deduction entirely or in part.

An experienced trainer with the help of a qualified veterinarian probably can with some accuracy estimate the useful life of an individual race horse and arrive at a "reasonable allowance" for depreciation. In addition to the expected

Year	Depreciation Annual
1954	\$ 4,800.00
1955	2,880.00
1956	1,728.00
1957	1,036.80
1958	622.08

useful life, a further factor to be considered is the salvage value. To determine the "salvage" value as a broodmare five or six years hence of a filly presently aged two or three is undoubtedly difficult. Likewise it is difficult to say how long a colt will race and whether he will have value as a stallion. The only practical advice for the horseman is that he establish the depreciation rate and salvage value of his horses for income tax purposes individually and with as much carefully considered and preserved evidence as possible. Thus, he may be able to convince the Commissioner of Internal Revenue or the Tax Court that his deduction for depreciation was a "reasonable allowance" when later that deduction is questioned.

The cost of an animal may be recovered by depreciation only once by the same owner. Consequently if a horse has been fully depreciated as a race horse it may not later be depreciated as breeding stock, even though it has become extremely valuable for breeding purposes, because of blood lines and a successful racing career. In this situation it is often financially beneficial to the owner and a purchaser to sell the horse and the first owner to report his profit at capital gain rates. The purchaser will then have a new basis for depreciation, his cost. A home raised animal, the cost of which has been absorbed in current operating expenses, cannot be depreciated because the cost has already been allowed against current income.

For taxable years ending in 1954 or thereafter, new assets (new in use) having a useful life of at least 3 years can be depreciated under the declining-balance method at twice and straight-line rate.

Accelerated depreciation under the declining-balance method will afford substantial relief with respect to short-lived assets. It will result in a charge-off of twice the existing straight-line rate in the first year following acquisition of a new asset and a recovery of approximate-

ly two-thirds of the cost in the first half of its estimated useful life. For instance, a race horse with an estimated useful life of five years could be depreciated in a way to absorb most of its cost in the first three years when its earnings normally would be the highest. Under the declining-balance method a horse costing \$12,000.00 on January 1, 1954 and having an estimated useful life of five years would be depreciated as follows:

Accumulated Depreciation	Depreciable Balance
\$ 4,800.00	\$ 7,200.00
7,680.00	4,320.00
9,408.00	2,592.00
10,444.80	1,555.20
11,066.88	933.12

(Depreciation on the straight-line method would permit an annual depreciation of $\frac{1}{5}$ the cost, less salvage value, each year).

The law does not require a taxpayer to make a formal election to depreciate assets under the declining-balance method at twice the straight-line rate. He can make such election by computing depreciation under the declining-balance method for the first taxable year ending after 1953 in which he acquires new depreciable assets. (1954 Code Sec. 167 (b) (c))

Obsolescence

The term obsolescence is usually understood to mean no longer useful. The tax law has, however, given the term a narrower meaning. The tax law states that ordinary obsolescence results from "changes in the art, shifting or business centers, and other things apart from physical deterioration." It would seem that this definition would seldom, if ever, apply to horses. The enactment of a law prohibiting racing would result in obsolescence or race horses providing such prohibition lessened or destroyed the value of the animals.

A more common thing would be a sudden loss of value and consequent abandonment of a horse because of injury or illness or failure to perform in a manner to make him worth his keep. Such a loss is a proper deduction in the year it occurs to the owner who makes a business of horse raising or breeding.

The income tax effects of gains and losses on the purchase and sale of horses will be considered in a subsequent article.

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The 1954 Hurdle Season

Spectator

An analysis of the hurdle division in 1954 seems to show, while in total number, there were as many horses running over the smaller jumps as in the past few years, only a few of these gave promise of developing into stakes quality over brush. This is particularly important, because, with very few exceptions, the better brush horses during the past decade have graduated from hurdle racing.

Mrs. Ogden Phipps' Neji won the three divisions of the National Maiden series which were run at Belmont, Monmouth and at Saratoga. This was a particularly impressive performance, inasmuch as no other horse had been able to sweep the series prior to this year. Neji was to further prove his quality by being started over brush in the fall of the year winning the Brook Steeplechase and then running a very close second to King Commander in his brilliant victory in the Temple Gwathney. In the Belmont division of the National Maiden series he beat, among others, Ancestor and *Camee, both of which raced to some advantage later in the season, particularly Ancestor, which is also owned by Mrs. Phipps, winning both the Rouge Dragon at the Belmont Fall Meeting and the New York Turf Writers Cup at United Hunts. In the Monmouth division of this race Neji beat more or less the same field as he did at Belmont. In both cases they were large fields. In contrast, the final leg of the series only drew five starters early in August at Saratoga. Neji's victory in this race was noteworthy for the fact that as a 4-year-old he carried 161 lbs. and won by two lengths. In either Brush or Hurdle Racing, 161 lbs. appears to be the highest weight that any 4-year-old has carried to victory in recent years in major track racing. In his other starts during the year when Neji ran in allowance races or hurdle stakes he was always there or thereabouts with older horses or those of his own age but in almost every case he conceded weight, actual, or on the scale, to his other rivals. There is no question that Neji was the best young hurdler developed in 1954.

*Williamsburg, owned jointly by L. R. Troiano and M. G. Walsh, and one of the better hurdle horses of 1953, only got to the post three times in a hurdle race this season. His first effort resulted in him placing behind Hyvania in an allowance race at Belmont. His next start was a winning effort in the Amagansett at Aqueduct and a week later he finish-

ed third in the Forget at Aqueduct also. In each of these races he was at or near the top in the weights, and had he not broken down in mid-season there is no question that *Williamsburg, now a 5-year-old, would have been tough competition.

Although Mrs. G. H. Bostwick's Hyvania has often been described as "sulky", his four years of hurdle competition have been fairly consistent, and 1954 was no exception to the rule. He won four of his numerous efforts over hurdles and was in the money most of the other times. His only stakes victory during the year was in the two mile Forget on July 1st at Aqueduct where he took the measure of Neji, both of which are trained by G. H. Bostwick, and *Williamsburg, as previously noted. In this race he carried 150 lbs. and chalked up a rather clever victory under a good ride from Kennie Field. Bostwick has considered racing Hyvania, now a seven-year-old, over brush on a number of oc-

casions but, because of doubts as to his jumping ability over the bigger course, he has kept him racing over hurdles.

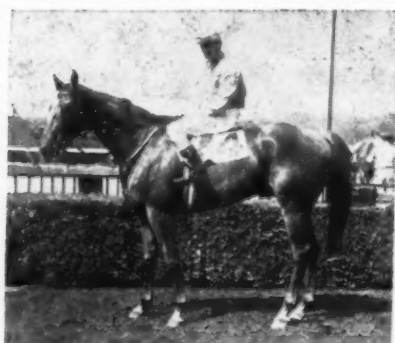
The Midsummer Hurdle Handicap at Monmouth Park produced a very close finish when Escargot just managed to beat King Commander by a very short head. Behind these two were *Cammell Laird and Hyvania, although *Cammell Laird, a 4-year-old French import, only won one hurdle race during the season, he was a dangerous factor in every race that he started and to some extent was a victim of poor racing luck on at least two occasions. *Cammell Laird was imported for the account of Vernon G. Cardy and fell in his first two efforts over brush, being a rapid, if somewhat chancy type of fencer. *Cammell Laird would appear to be one of the better brush prospects for the 1955 season with a little further education over the winter months.

In the late summer of 1953 Trainer
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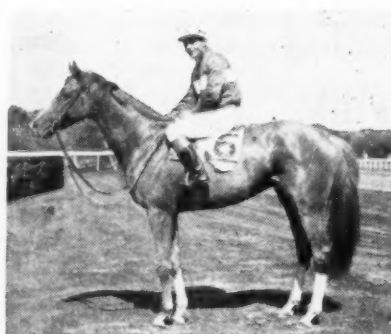
(Bert Morgan)

L. R. Troiano's *WILLIAMSBURG, A. P. Smithwick up. 156 lbs.



(Belmont Park Photo)

Mrs. O. Phipps' NEJI, K. Field up. 152 lbs.



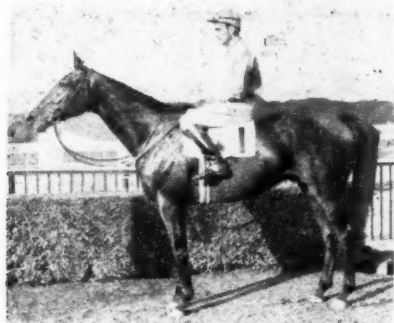
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J. M. Schiff's *CARAFAR, F. Schulhofer up. 150 lbs.



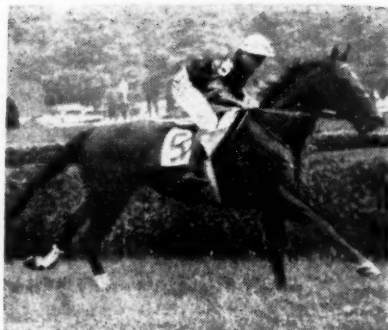
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Mrs. G. H. Bostwick's HYVANIA, K. Field up. 149 lbs.



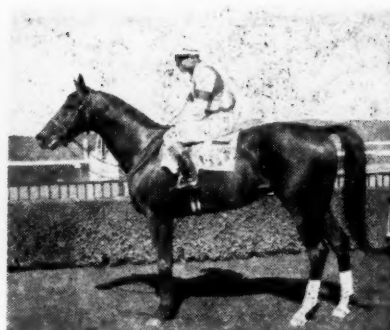
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Mrs. O. Phipps' ANCESTOR, F. D. Adams up. 148 lbs.



(Belmont Park Photo)

Mrs. C. E. Adams' ESCARGOT, F. D. Adams up. 147 lbs.



(Belmont Park Photo)

J. F. McHugh's RIVER JORDAN, F. Schulhofer up. 145 lbs.

1954 Hurdle Season

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Oleg Dubassoff brought the then 3-year-old *Carafar into this country from France for John M. Schiff and it wasn't long before he broke his maiden in the fall of 1953 at Belmont. Lightly raced in the spring of 1954, *Carafar did not come to hand until the Saratoga meeting and then in the course of four weeks won three victories in rapid succession, including the Lovely Night at Saratoga and the Bushwick at the Aqueduct fall meeting. Well thought of by the Handicapper, *Carafar, was at, or near the top of the Hurdle Handicap for the remainder of the season. Trainer Dubassoff chose to race him on the turf instead, without success. Had he been kept at hurdle racing, and run in the fall Hurdle Stakes. It is reasonable to suppose that he might have been the best horse in this division in the fall of the year. It is interesting to note in passing that in The Lovely Night he beat Neji among others, and in mid-September he beat King Commander, Hyvania, and River Jordan.

In the Spring of the year Mrs. Ogden Phipps' Ancestor showed little, if any, inclination to go over a distance of a mile and a half. In September he jumped up to win the two mile Rouge Dragon under 136 lbs. beating Hyvania, Khumbaba and *Carafar in that order. However it must be pointed out that he was in receipt of 14 lbs. from *Carafar, and the latter bobbled badly in the running and lost whatever chance he had. Ancestor came back a week later to beat the French mare Eole, considered the top horse in the French syndicate sale of this Spring, and a short time later took the measure of the best in training at that time when he won the New York Turf Writers Cup against Khumbaba and River Jordan in that order. Interestingly enough this was the race which added enough to Mrs. Phipps' earnings through the field this year to place her in the top position as leading Money-Winning Owner.

One of the very unfortunate accidents during the year was that which happened to Mrs. Richard K. Mellon's *Eole in the Turf Writers. This mare, a short time before had won two races at Rolling Rock in a very impressive manner. She was then shipped to Belmont Park and in a over night race was narrowly beaten by Ancestor, with something less than the best racing luck. In the Turf Writers, without any apparent reason she was seen to break stride and it later developed she had broken a hip and this did not occur at a jump nor did she fall in the running.

In the Mid-West Harry Nichols' Ginny Bug amassed a record that is seldom equaled, and perhaps, seldom surpassed

Ginny Bug started racing at the Camden meeting in early April and wound up winning seven races in a row in the Mid-West Circuit including The Arlington Park Hurdle Race in late June. She was then sent East for Major Track competition but had passed the peak of her form.

The basis of the weights shown below are on the better performances of some of the horses mentioned above.

*Williamsburg, 5	156
Neji, 4	152
*Carafar, 4	150
Hyvania, 7	149
Ancestor, 5	148
Escargot, 5	147
River Jordan, 5	145

On the weight for age scale, 5-year-olds and upward are considered 8 lbs. better than a 4-year-old at a distance of two miles in the fall. On this basis, Neji and *Carafar would appear as 160 and 158 respectively in the above.

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STAKES CLOSING DATES



A weekly reminder of the closing dates for nominations and payments to the principal events of North America

The following data has been supplied by the racing associations. In consequence The Chronicle cannot assume responsibility for its accuracy or for last minute changes.

DECEMBER

3-year-olds and up

- 25 ROBERT E. LEE HANDICAP, \$15,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$50 to accompany nomination. Tropical Park.

JANUARY

3-year-olds and up

- 1 TROPICAL HANDICAP, \$35,000 added. 3-yr.-olds and up. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$100 to accompany nomination. Tropical Park.
- 1 LAS FLORES HANDICAP, \$20,000 added. 3-year-olds and up fillies and mares. 6 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. Santa Anita. To be run January 8.

3-year-olds

- 1 LA CENTINELA STAKES, \$15,000 added. 3-year-olds, fillies, which have never won a sweepstakes. 7 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. Santa Anita. To be run January 5.
- 1 LOS FELIZ STAKES, \$15,000 added. 3-year-olds, colts and geldings, which

have never won a sweepstakes. 7 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. Santa Anita. To be run January 12.

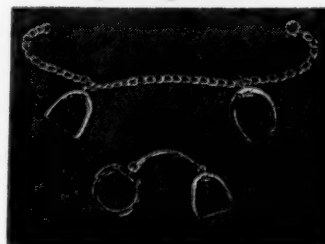
4-year-olds

- 1 SAN FERNANDO STAKES, \$25,000 added. 4-year-olds (foals of 1951). 1½ miles. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. Santa Anita. To be run January 15.
- 1 SANTA CATALINA HANDICAP, \$25,000 added. 4-year-olds and up, foaled in California. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. Santa Anita. To be run January 8.

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Afield Enters Racing

Marvin Edward Afield, a portly gentleman from Elgin, Ill., believes in doing things in a big way. Just recently he made his fabulous oil business colleagues from Texas look like neophytes when he drilled no less than 38 consecutive producing wells—without a dry hole.

Site of this startling discovery, or "wildcat" field, was in the tri-state section of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. Needless to say, Mr. Afield these days is rolling in black gold.

However, he isn't quite satisfied and he's trying to press his good fortune—in another field, this time the thoroughbred racing business. His key objective is the Kentucky Derby and chances are that he'll find that locating a winner of that great classic more elusive than spouting gushers.

Afield recently created something of a furor in racing circles when he planked down a quarter of a million dollars for twelve horses that formerly sported the sliks of Bernard W. Landy. The group was headed by Spur On, Pursuance, Two Fisted, Retract and Betsy T. The first three are ranking contenders for the pending \$50,000 added New Orleans Handicap and Retract is the stable's hope for the \$40,000 added Louisiana Derby.

In all, Afield has nineteen horses under his shed row. Four others, all coming two-year-olds, are due in from Florida, where they have been training. Once they are assembled, the Afield string will represent one of the best balanced, most powerful stables ever to race in Louisiana.

In a manner, the trainer of the stable, Mitchell Silagy, is responsible for Afield's entrance into the racing. "Mitch," as Silagy is known, was down on his luck early this year and he appealed to Afield to give him a lift. Both being from Elgin, they had known each other for years. Afield obtained a pair of horses Tarom and Mimada, from William Hal Bishop, and this gave Silagy the necessary action he desired.

Later Afield purchased Blunt, Maretazo and the prospects for the stable began to look up. Silagy continued to add to the unit through trading and claiming, but never at any time did he hope his friend and patron would become so interested in the sport that he would in-

vest a quarter of a million in horseflesh.

On hand at the Fair Grounds are two other Afields, Marvin's wife, Mary, and his 18-year-old son, Johnny. They, too, are avid turf devotees.

Personable Afield came by his excellent demeanor quite naturally, for he was an important figure in Lion's International for some fourteen years as an international representative.

His work involved after-dinner speeches, good-will tours and public relations. Later he became associated with the Westward-Ho Country Club in Illinois as executive Vice-President. He developed into a fine golfer, for many years playing in the low 70's.

Some twelve years ago he founded the Afield Oil Company, with headquarters in Chicago. Until this year, when he made his incredible strike in oil, he has been a fairly successful operator.

Actually, the Afields had hardly ever been near a horse of any kind until this year, but they've been thoroughly converted by the "bug" and their interest seems to mount with every day.

"I guess we're in this game to stay", says Afield. "I've never enjoyed anything so much in my life."

Hanford Quits Saddle, Will Stay in Racing

Ira (Babe) Hanford has announced his retirement from the jockey ranks, but he plans to keep his finger in racing as an owner. Ira, who won national fame back in 1936 when he became the first apprentice ever to win the Kentucky Derby (aboard Bold Venture), recently purchased a 2-year-old colt, To David, in Maryland and plans to remain in racing as an owner. He will form a partnership with his brother, Carl, who has been training for several years. Ira also plans to enter the building business in Miami.

In explaining his retirement from the saddle, Ira said, "After 20 years, I suddenly lost interest. When the day came when I no longer got a thrill climbing up into the saddle, I knew it was time to hang up my tack. Besides, I'm 36 years old now and riding takes too much energy for a man of my age." —T. E.

Path of Cook Brothers Separate

After several seasons during which both were prominent in the Florida racing picture, the riding Cook brothers, William McKinley and Lois, have decided to pursue separate paths this winter. William is again booting them home at Tropical Park and has already ridden three winners at the meeting, while his older brother has decided to shift the scene of his activities to California.

The Cooks are two of the three original "Kids from Kona" (Ky.) The third was Jimmy Breckons who retired a year ago. Kona is a small mining community with a population of 503 only when the three star riders are at home. —T. E.

Williams Boys Crowd Tropical Jockey Room

The "whole town may be talking about the Jones boy" as the popular song has it, but the Tropical Park jockey room is talking about the Williams boys.

There are no fewer than four boys named Williams now plying their trade at the Bird Road oval.

They are Thearl, Walter B., Louis and the veteran Sammy.

At the moment the relationship, if any, among them isn't quite clear but we have a skilled genealogist working on the problem and as soon as he has succeeded in separating the branches from the twigs from the assorted family trees, we'll have a further report for you. —T. E.

Former Riding Star To Try Comback

Just as a football sometimes takes funny bounces, so does the wheel of fortune spin crazily around a race-track.

To support this premise we refer you to Eddie DeCamilles, a comparatively new member of the Tropical Park jockey colony. Most of the new members of the riding fraternity are fuzzy-cheeked youngsters filled with the excitement of embarking on a new career.

But Eddie DeCamilles is a different newcomer. He is now nearing his 42nd birthday. His hair is a silvery white. When he applied for his jockey's license recently there was none of the infectious, bubbling enthusiasm that characterizes such an occasion when a younger man is involved.

Eddie has sipped the nectar of stardom and fame. Not too many years ago he was the first-string rider for the powerful Brandywine Farm. A visit to the winner's circle is old stuff to him. In years gone by he rode more than his share of stakes winners in building up his reputation as one of the top "money riders" in the business. Now Eddie is starting on his journey along the long road back, he hopes, to some of the glory he knew 15 years ago.

Since hanging up his tack DeCamilles has been a successful trainer. But his success as a conditioner depended on one horse, Blue Fedora, who over a period

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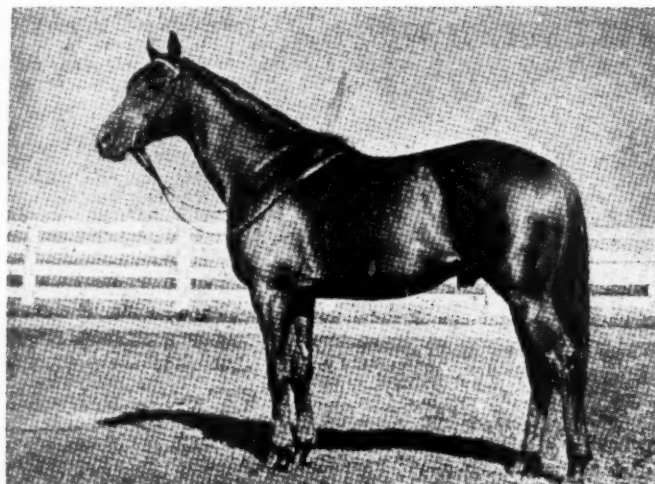
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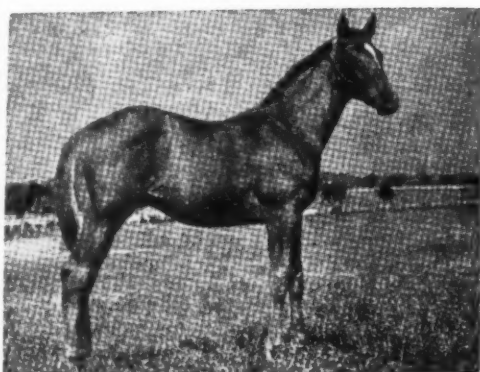
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of years won a number of stakes and earned close to \$100,000 for DeCamilles.

Finally Blue Fedora reached the end of the road. DeCamilles tried conditioning other horses, but he never found another Blue Fedora. With the money he earned with Blue Fedora, De Camilles contributed heavily to the support of a large family. His bank account dwindled rapidly and last year he found it necessary to make one last desperate effort to keep going as a trainer. He took a 4-year-old maiden to the Maryland halvers to bid for a purse. He decided to ride the horse himself, and he did so even though he was nine pounds over weight. He finished third and immediately made up his mind to desert the ranks of trainers. But Eddie had a deep affection for Blue Fedora and he shopped around looking for a horseman who would provide comfortable quarters on a farm where Blue Fedora could live out his life. When he found such a man Eddie gave him his 4-year-old maiden as partial payment for Blue Fedora's comfortable retirement.

Such is the sentiment of the race-track. But now with Blue Fedora, his meal-ticket for so many years basking in luxury, Eddie DeCamilles has to make a living for himself, so he returns to the trade he knows best. —Tom Engleman

Jockey's Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame at Pimlico was announced today by Maryland Jockey Club officials. A Hall of Fame room will be created in the old clubhouse and selection of the nation's most noted riders will follow the pattern of the selections for baseball's hall of fame at Coopers-town, N. Y. and football's similar niche at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Since the Maryland Jockey Club's charter goes back to 1745 and thus it is the oldest sporting association still active, it is felt that Pimlico is the most suitable place for a Jockeys Hall of Fame.

It is the plan of Pimlico officials to have a committee of newspapermen select a group of riders to be voted on each year by newspaper, television and radio sports figures, with a certain number of riders admitted to the hall each year. Should any of those chosen be available, appropriate ceremonies will mark their induction into the hall of fame. Those who have passed on, will be honored with paintings of the jockeys to be hung on the walls of the hall of fame.

Sallee Hospitalized for Surgery

Trainer J. Price Sallee underwent surgery the first of the month at a Lexington, Ky. hospital.

Higher Selling Fee at Keeneland

Breeders' Sales Company, Inc., Lexington, Ky., conductor of the Keeneland Sales, has doubled its minimum cataloguing fee, to be paid regardless of whether the consigned horse is sold or withdrawn. Should the horse enter the sales ring, 5% of his purchase price but a minimum of \$100 regardless of the price is charged.

This is one of several moves being considered by the auction company in an effort to eliminate an excess of cheap horses at the Keeneland Fall Sales. Other policies under discussion include the establishment of conformation inspections for the autumn vendue, and of minimum standards of age and production record for brood mares; and the advisability of accepting foreign-bred and consigned yearlings. —P. T. P.

Letters To The Editor

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shall reiterate your editorial in future issues. It is shocking and beyond reason that horses, which become injured trying to do for their destroyed and hauled away in such a nungrateful and unbecoming manner.

Surely we in the United States shall not allow it to be thought and said we are not humane or even half decent toward our horses.

American horse owners and handlers certainly cannot be termed impractical.

Why cannot our breeders and especially the owners of Thoroughbreds and show horses slow up some. A few months difference could mean and would more earning power. Men are so shortsighted. They expect the horse to win races and jump perfectly without giving it sufficient time or schooling to do good at the job intended. I am not by any means saying horses must not be taught respect for and obedience to command, but they will learn just as well and be more willing and eager to please if treated humanely.

May I here say, I do like The Chronicle very much and shall never be without it, D. V.

Do keep reminding that our veterinary service is inadequate unless it has completed and well equipped horse ambulances. Whilst it is not too popular that women work in the stables or with horses, here is one instance in which women could very sensibly be of great help, and would be better in many instances than men, because certainly patience is needed more with an injured horse than under ordinary cases. For the reasons you stated they are really poor patients, not being given the reasoning power to know they are being helped and too because it is not good for horses to be held in a sling or stand on three legs. But why do not our veterinarians get their heads together and invent a type of wheeled vehicle wherein the horse could be stood and built in such a way the injured leg would not bear weight on it but at the same time all weight was not being borne by other three. I would I were an engineer so I could draw a plan of what I am trying to explain. But perhaps one more efficient may see what I so poorly express and become the inventor of a great boon to horse and its owner.

Sincerely,

Nora Jo O'Brien

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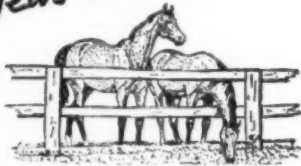
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News From the Stud



KENTUCKY

White Skies to Continue Racing

W. M. Wickham's White Skies, 1954 "Sprinter of the Year" whose retirement to stud at the Nuckols Brothers' Hurstland Farm, Midway, had been announced, will continue racing instead, Trainer Tommy Root has revealed.

Calumet Yearlings Shipped

A score of yearlings were recently shipped from Mrs. Gene Markey's Calumet Farm, Lexington, to join the racing stable at Santa Anita Park.

The group included five colts and a filly by Bull Lea; two sons and two daughters of Citation; two *Alibhai colts; sons of Coaltown, *Goya II and Sun Again; and fillies by Count Fleet, *Heliopolis, Ponder, *Priam II and *Princequillo.

Among the Calumet yearlings are Captain Morgan, full brother to Twosy, Two Lea and Miz Clementine; Cherokee Chief, half brother, by Bull Lea, to Pensive; Cumberland, three-quarters brother, by Bull Lea's son Citation, to Mark-Ye-Well; St. Crispin, full brother to Citation; Damaris, daughter of Bull Lea and the Arlington Lassie Stakes winner Duchess Peg; Diamond Tear, half sister, by Count Fleet, to Colner and A Gleam; Fayette, daughter of *Princequillo from the stakes victor Twosy; and Princess Turia, half sister, by *Heliopolis, to All Blue, Real Delight and Bubbley.

Game Chance's Half Brother

William Woodward's Belair Stud has a weanling half brother, by *Nasrullah, to Game Chance, the Some Chance colt who recently won a division of the Tropical Park Inaugural Handicap, at A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Farm, Paris, where the Belair breeding stock is boarded. The mare, Bonnie Beryl, was bred back to *Nasrullah last spring. She took the Frizette, Autumn Day and Empire City Stakes, Delaware Oaks, Jamaica and Comely Handicaps and \$119,970 during her own racing career.

*Talon, Super Duper to Colorado

The stallions *Talon and Super Duper, who have been standing at John A. Bell, Jr.'s Jonabell Stables, Lexington, Ky., were shipped last week to Don Flint's Flying Horse Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Flint has bought *Talon from the Richard N. Ryan Estate and has leased Super Duper from Jonabell.

*Talon, a gray son of Pantalón—Guetaria, by Maron, won the Premios America Central, Jockey Club de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, Banderin, Juan Shaw and Halcon Negro in his native land, where he earned 74,100 pesos. In the United States he accumulated \$270,575, mostly through victories in the Saratoga Cup, All American, Merchants' and Citizens', San Antonio and Santa Anita Handicaps. His best offspring have been Guy in the U. S. and Whippy in England.

Super Duper, half brother, by *Bahram, to Knockdown and First Glance, took four races and \$13,815. His best get have been Brad's Brat and Super Devil.

Sears Mares to Calumet Stallions

*Usumbura and *Rivaz, the two high-priced mares bought by Miss Eleanor Sears from the Aga Khan at the Keeneland Fall Sales, have been booked to two Bull Lea stallions standing at Mrs. Gene Markey's Calumet Farm, Lexington. The \$83,000 *Usumbura, half sister to *Noor's dam, will go to Coaltown; and the \$63,000 *Rivaz, *Nasrullah's full sister, will be bred to Citation.

Wilson Mares

All the mares owned by Sam E. Wilson, Jr., have been booked to the \$103,337 earner Royal Mustang, whom Mr. Wilson has leased to Leslie Combs II and L. C. Stewart to enter stud next spring at their Lynnwood Farm, Paris. The Wilson mares are boarded at B. M. "Buck" Browning's Brownwood Farm, Nicholasville.

Sickle's Image to Roman

Clarence Hartwick, Pine Grove breeder, has booked his \$413,275 earner Sickle's Image to Roman for the 1955 stud season. Named the best older handicap filly or mare of 1953, the daughter of Sicketoy—Ariel Image, by Ariel, won the James H. Connors Memorial, Hollywood Lassie, Ashland and Cleopatra Stakes, Arlington Matron, Los Cerritos, Vineland and Washington Park Handicaps, and two runnings of the Modesty.

*Wat Tyler to Lazi-Creek

*Wat Tyler, prominent English stakes winner, will enter stud next spring at Jams L. Paddock's Lazi-Creek Farm, Jeffersonstown, as the property of I. J. Collins and Mr. Paddock, at a fee of \$500 live foal.

The son of *Watling Street—Poker Chip, by The Recorder, won the Champagne, Rous Memorial, Burton, Knight's Royal and Princess of Wales Stakes, Wilburton and Cleveland Handicaps.

He is a half brother to the English 1,000 Guineas victor Queenpot. The dam, Poker Chip, is a half sister to the Irish 2,000 Guineas captor Khosro. The second dam, Straight Sequence, was a full sister to Straight Deal.

K. G. Marshall's *Coffee Money's Irish-bred winner of the Skokie and Myrtlewood Handicaps, got 14 of his mares in foal during his first stud season at the Nuckols Brothers' Hurstland Farm, Midway.

Tom Fool's 16 from 18

The \$570,165 earner Tom Fool, unbeaten handicap champion of 1953, got 16 of his 18 mares in foal during his first stud season at Greentree Stud, Inc., Lexington.

Half a dozen Greentree mares are in foal to the son of Menow—Gaga, by *Bull Dog. They include My Sin's dam Old Melody II, Capot's dam Piquet, the Spinaway Stakes winner Sunday Evening and Tailspin's stakes-victorious dam Tangled.

Among the 10 outside mares awaiting foals by Tom Fool next spring are Calumet Farm's \$309,250 earner Two Lea; Claiborne Farm's Ghazni, dam of Ace Admiral; Mrs. John W. Hanes' Fashion Stakes victor Fond Embrace; Warner L. Jone, Jr.'s Rosedale Stakes captor Bank Account; Mereworth Farm's Katylea, dam of Tritium; Ogden Phipps' stakes-placed Flitabout, dam of Flirtatious; and C. V. Whitney's Betsy Ross Stakes winner Mother.

St. Crispin

St. Crispin has been selected as the name for Citation's yearling full brother, owned by Mrs. Gene Markey's Calumet Farm, Lexington.

Seven from Kentucky

Seven of the eight divisional leaders named in the Daily Racing Form poll as the best performers of 1954 were foaled in Kentucky.

Handicap champion and "Horse of the Year" Native Dancer was foaled at Dan W. Scott's farm, Lexington.

Three-year-old filly and handicap filly or mare champion Parlo was foaled at Shandon Farm, the Lexington establishment of Dan Scott's father, Harrie B. Scott.

Three-year-old colt champion High Gun is a product of Kellar M. and W. Paul Little's Palmeadow Stock Farm at Payne's Depot, near Lexington.

Both two-year-old champions, the colt Nashua and the filly High Voltage, came from A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Farm, Paris.

Sprint champion White Skies is a product of Hurstland Farm, Midway. When White Skies was foaled, Hurstland was being run by the late Charles Nuckols and Sons; now it is operated by the Nuckols Brothers.

Steeplechase champion King Commander came from Jack Howard's Rookwood Farm, Lexington.

Only non-Kentucky champion was the English-bred grass specialist *Stan.

Double for Some Chance

Two offspring of Some Chance, who stands at A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Farm, Paris, won two stakes on the same Saturday recently.

At Bowie, Mrs. Louis Lazare's three-year-old Some Chance filly Sotto Voce prevailed in the \$15,000-added Barbara Frietchie Handicap.

At Tropical Park, Belair Stud's four-year-old Some Chance colt Game Chance narrowly scored in the faster division of the \$10,000-added Inaugural Handicap.

Late Bulletin

It has just been learned that White Skies, whose syndication was mentioned above, will stand at the Nuckols Brothers' Hurstland Farm, Midway, where he was foaled. The William M. Wickham horse is being syndicated by John Clark. A 32-share syndicate is planned under the management of Mr. Clark, Mr. Wickham and Charles Nuckols, Jr.

—Frank Talmadge Phelps

*Black Orange

Townsend B. Martin's *Black Orange, a 2-year-old full sister to *Turn-to (Royal Charger—Source Sucree), has been retired from racing and will be bred next year. The well-bred filly won but one race, the Deep Run Purse for maiden 2-year-old fillies at the United Hunts-at-Belmont Park meeting. She was trained for this maiden-breaking effort by George S. Howell, the transplanted Kentucky who is now one of New Jersey's leading trainers.

—C. W.

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary, National Beagle Club

The year 1954 has added to the list of active registered beagle packs the greatest number in one year since the founding of the National Beagle Club in 1888. We welcome six new packs namely The Ligonier Valley Beagles, Master, George Clement; Nantucket Beagles, Master, Rebecca L. Trimpi; North Country Beagles, Master, Reese E. Howard; Old Chatham Foot Beagles, Master, Mrs. Henry Gammack; Pemberton Beagles, Master, Dean Bradford; and Royal Canadian School of Infantry Beagles, Joint Masters, Colonel Peter R. Bingham, D. S. O. and Captain John A. Gillanders.

In connection with this wonderful progress, there is also a note of sadness as the initiation of the Ligonier Valley Beagles and the reactivation of the Pemberton Beagles, originally established in 1925, was brought about by the disbanding of the Waldingfield Beagles, our oldest registered pack, established in 1886. We do so hope that Josiah H. Child and the Bayard Tuckermans will find a way to keep this famous name active.

Certainly our hope expressed in the 1953 Foreword that additional new packs be established during the coming year has been fulfilled far beyond expectations. Our registered packs now consist of eighteen packs for beagles, three packs of bassets and one pack of harriers. Future new packs are already in the making with the Rocky Fork Headley Hunt, Wallace C. Harrison, Master obtaining a draft from the Trewern Beagles. The beagles will be kennelled with the foxhounds at Gahanna, Ohio, near Columbus and will play an important part in the training of their enthusiastic hunting youngsters.

Our 65th Annual National Trials in November at Aldie, Va. was celebrated with capacity attendance and perfect weather. The honors were more evenly divided among a number of packs, though we were hit by an atomic attack from the vicinity of Oxford, Michigan.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES

Upper Brookville,
L. I., New York.
Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members; others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening—green, gray silk facings. Masters: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly and J. Wooderson Glenn, Jr. Huntsmen: The Masters. Honorary Secretary: Owen T. Frisbie. Whippers-In: Lorna Ainsworth, Clinton G. Bush, Jr., Mrs. Barbara H. Conolly, Anne Conolly, Henry B. Thomson III. Fifteen couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays. Telephone Brookville 5-4304. Visitors welcome.

Country hunted about 15 by 10 miles, rolling, open, plough and much woodland.

Former Masters: Edward M. Ward, Jr., 1934-1935; Henry B. Thompson, Jr., 1936-1937; John C. Baker, Jr. and Morgan Wing, Jr., 1938-1948; John C. Baker, Jr., 1948-1952.

ELLSON BEAGLES

New Castle,
Delaware.

Established 1946.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Honorary Whippers-In: Margaret Wilson and Donald R. Willis.

Twelve couples 13-inch beagles. Cubbing begins in August. Hunting November 1st through March 15th. Hounds meet regularly on all Sundays during the season and on week days at the Master's convenience.

Hounds hunt on hare in the country of the Stockford Beagles by courtesy of its Master and in country near Guyencourt, Del., and hunt on cottontail in home country south of New Castle.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES

Easton,
Maryland.

Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Masters: Charles Schuck and Robert Huntman. Huntsmen: The Masters.

Six couples 15-inch beagles. Fox and hare hunted from September through March. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only.

Country is approximately 10 miles by 5 with some paneling.

Former Master: Philip K. Crowe, 1933-1953.

LIGONIER VALLEY BEAGLES

Ligonier,
Pennsylvania.

Established 1954.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, blue collar. Master and Huntsman: George C. Clement. Honorary Secretary and Whipper-In: David C. Burton.

Seven couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Kennels at Rolling Rock Club, Ligonier. Telephone Ligonier 500. Visitors welcome.

The country hunted is the same as hunted by the Rolling Rock Hunt.

LISETER BEAGLES

Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.

Established 1928.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin duPont. Huntsman: (professional) Jack Carson. Whipper-In (honorary) John duPont.

Twenty couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits at Master's convenience.

LITTLE PROSPECT BEAGLES

Jarrettsville,
Pennsylvania.

Established 1952.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, robbin's egg blue collar with black piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. B. Garvan. Whipper-In (professional) W. Lobley.

Seven couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March, Sundays and holidays.

Country gently rolling farm land with woodland.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT

Box 588,
Red Bank.

Established 1885.

Recognized 1904.

Public pack, supported by Subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening—scarlet, maroon collar, scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L.

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Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman: (professional) Albert H. Smith. Whippers-In: Miss Isabelle Haskell, Mrs. George S. Howell, R. G. Metcalf and James S. Hauck; (professional) Melvin Ryan. Kennelman: Charles J. Holmewood.

Thirty-five couples harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt, cap \$10. Hotel accommodations at Polly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 5 miles from kennels. Hunters cannot be rented. Hounds went out 22 times last season.

Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

NANTUCKET BEAGLES

Pluckemin,

New Jersey.

Established 1926.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green shirt with maroon tie. Master and Huntsman: Mrs. Rebecca L. Trimpi. Whipper-In: Margaret Wemple.

Four couples 15-inch beagles. Hunt jack rabbits June through August on Nantucket Island, Mass. Kennels during other months at Pluckemin, N. J. Pack originally hunted mounted with over size beagles and known as Nantucket Harriers.

NORTH COUNTRY BEAGLES

Oxford,

Michigan.

Established 1953.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green. Gold collar with black piping; evening same. Master and Huntsman: Reese E. Howard. Honorary Secretary: Miss Mary Boyer. Whippers-In: (honorary) Emory Clark II, William R. Clark, Jr., Dean Bedford, Jr., Miss Charlotte D. Nichols, Charles K. Backus, Mrs. Reese E. Howard.

Nine couples—13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits. Sundays and Holidays, October through April. Kennels at Oxford. Telephone Oakland 8-2288. Visitors welcome.

OLD CHATHAM FOOT BEAGLES

Old Chatham,

New York.

Established 1953.

Supported by subscriptions. Affiliate of Old Chatham Hunt Club. Hunt livery and colors: Green with cavalry yellow collar and green piping. Master: Elizabeth H. Gammack (1954); Huntsman: (honorary) Major Albert S. Callan, Jr.; Whippers-In: (Honorary) Thomas H. Quinn, S. Napier Smith, Hugh Mc B. Johnston. Field Master: Henry M. Gammack.

Four couples 15-inch beagles hunt cottontails and hare Sunday afternoons and holidays October 1-April 1. Country is rolling farm and woodland in vicinity of Old Chatham, Kinderhook, West Ghent. Visitors welcome. Address: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gammack, Kinderhook, N. Y. Former Masters: Capt. Sydney Smith (1952); Orlian A. Johnson (1953).



(Freudy Photo)

Champion 15" beagle at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, Mrs. J. Austin duPont's Liseter Merry Rex.

PEMBERTON BEAGLES

Fallston,

Maryland.

Established 1925.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with Nile green piping. Master and Huntsman: Dean Bedford. Kennelman: Irving Weeks. Whipper-In: (professional) Dennis MacKenzie.

Eight couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt jack rabbits and cottontail, October through March. Kennels at Fallston. Visitors welcome.

RAYNHAM BEAGLES

Raynham Hall,

Keswick,

Virginia.

Established 1948.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. Honorary Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-In: (professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-In: (honorary) Jake Carle.

Eight couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1st to April 1st, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

ROYAL CANADIAN SCHOOL OF INFANTRY BEAGLES

Camp Borden,

Ontario, Canada.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Rifle-green, infantry scarlet collar with maroon piping. Masters: Colonel Peter R. Bingham DSO and Captain John A. Gillanders. Huntsman: J. A. Gillanders. Kennelman (Professional): Ed Thompson. Secretary: Mrs. J. A. Gillanders.

Ten couples English beagles. Hunt native brown hare Fridays and alternate Sundays, October through March. Kennels at Camp Borden. Visitors welcome.

Country is generally sandy, uncultivated, with pine wood strips.

SANDANONA BEAGLES

Millbrook,

New York.

Established 1948.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar with gray piping; evening—green, yellow silk facings with gray piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary: Roger A. Young. Whippers-In: Miss Adele Leavitt, Miss Millicent B. Whittall, E. Gordon MacKenzie, Oakleigh L. Thorne.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits Sundays and holidays October through March. Kennels at Millbrook. Telephone Millbrook 3337 or 3285. Visitors welcome.

Country is rolling farm and woodland.

SIR-SISTER BEAGLES

Natick,

Massachusetts.

Established 1903.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening—green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Mrs. Edward H. Dane and Henri F. Pruneret. Honorary Secretary: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: The Masters. Whippers-In: Mrs. Henri F. Pruneret, (professional) John Clifford.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Natick, Mass. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March at the convenience of the Masters. Strangers and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

Former Master: Chetwood Smith, 1903-1952.

STOCKFORD BASSETS

Fairville,

Pennsylvania.

Established 1935.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master: (1935) Alfred E. Bissell. Huntsman: The Master. Kennels near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Ten couples Bassets. Cubbing starts in August. Hunting October 15th to March 15th. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.

Country hunted is within a radius of 3 miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

TANTIVY BEAGLES

Henderson,

North Carolina.

Established 1924.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with silver piping. Master and Huntsman: Bennett H. Perry.

Six couples 15-inch beagles, hunted at the convenience of the Master on native cottontail rabbits in the vicinity of Henderson, North Carolina.



(Freudy Photo)

National Beagle Club Challenge Trophy winner — Best 13" beagle, dog or bitch—Sandanona LEADER.

TEWKSBURY FOOT BASSETS

Gladstone,

New Jersey.

Established 1930.

Registered 1953.

Hunt native hare and Jack rabbits in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties, New Jersey. The area was formerly hunted by Mr. R. V. N. Gambrell's Vernon Somerset Beagles and is part of the country of the Essex Fox Hounds. Joint Masters: (1950) James S. Jones and Haliburton Fales II. Hon. Sect'y: C. B. P. Van Pelt, Far Hills, N. J. The hounds are hunted by the Joint Masters. Kennel Huntsman: Donald Miller. Hon. Whips: Miss Margaret Wemple and Messrs John Ike and Henry I. Hall.

Twelve couples of Bassets kenneled at Pottersville, New Jersey. The hounds are "the property of the country" maintained by subscription. Meet Sunday afternoons October to March plus bye days. Visitors welcome.

Hunt livery: Green coat, robin's egg blue collar and black buttons engraved T. F. B. in block letters.


TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS

Hampstead,

Maryland.

Established 1946.


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Why Dress While Hunting?

At The Ball The Men Look Fine in Scarlet, While The Girls Must Be Content With Last Year's Ball Gowns

Jane Dane

Ever since Eve ate that famous apple people, male and female, have become sartorially conscious. They started even. But now that the normal dress of the male is black and white for evening and a dull dun for daytime, and the female of the species arrays herself in all the colors of Joseph's coat, it doesn't seem quite fair.

Time and a half ago the Elizabeth male like Sir Walter Raleigh took a good three hours to get ready for his morning coffee, while all Queen Elizabeth had to do was brush that red hair and put on another farthingale. Today the other reason Foxhunters and Beaglers wear livery is because it is a chance for the male to again outdo the female in the splendor of his plumage. Take the Foxhunters' and Beaglers' Ball in New York. All we girls have on our backs are last year's ball gowns, or last year's before last year's ball gowns, while the men never looked better in their scarlet or green dress coats with flashing facings, clear-eyed, suntanned, and fancy-free. Certainly they act that way.

To be practical, having both foxhunted and beagled for lo these many years, there is no question but what livery never caught fox, hare, nor rabbit, but the proper clothing does make the wearer that much more efficient. Take Foxhunting, for instance. This sport employs horses and a pack of hounds. The hounds are used to red, yelet "pink" coats to which a hound will naturally turn when called. As the honor of wearing a pink coat is only given by the Master after several seasons, it follows that the owner of same doesn't ride over, chase away, or beat the beast over the head. The man on the horse for the same reason wears well fitting boots, probably spurs, and carries a hunting crop to assist the master and whippers-in. The latter are turned out properly because they own the stuff anyway and it looks better. I have never understood the white breeches, except blood shows up better, proving where you are hurt, and it keeps the laundry man in business.

Now to Beagles. A beagle recognizes a green coat; when, while walking through a village street, he or she wants to leap on the local idiot, you say "ware stranger" and the hound returns to the idiot in the green coat. Beaglers don't wear top boots, but they wear sensible foot gear because if they didn't their feet would hurt. They also wear white spats and white trousers and white shirts for the same reasons as the Foxhunter. With all this employment there should be so much work for the Chinese we no longer need a State Department.

There is one most essential part of any hunting gear, the stock. The stock is a long piece of a kind of white underwear to be put about the neck. It is also supposed to act as a tourniquet or bandaid to one's person, horse, or hound. The stock is the reason one gets up early. During the time it takes to tie same the coffee boils, the eggs fry, the horses and/or beagles arrive and one is ready.

Another reason for wearing a uniform while hunting is that difficult moment when the hunt runs off the invitation

land onto the property of the lady that loves pheasants. Supposing you have on a tired, old jacket that says "I love Beagles" on the back. She only sees the front and orders the tramps and cur dogs off her land.

White gloves are essential. The hounds see them. They keep the hands moderately warm, and they may be washed at home.

And now I hope everything is satisfactorily explained. Naturally, today as it was wet my sister and I took out the Beagles in bluejeans, rain suits, and rubber boots. We had a roaring hunt, but we didn't look very well.

Fair Hunting Country The Heythrop Is One Of The Best In England

C. R. Acton

It was for many years the ambition of most hunting people, both British and American, to make a visit to "The Shires" before they died. The Shires comprised the Quorn, Fernie, Cottesmore, Belvoir and Pytchley Hunts. Whether it is that, as a result of the world war, many acres of the rolling grass lands of the Shires have been ploughed up and put to agricultural uses, or not, cannot be said, but it is rather too true that the Shires have lost a lot of their glamour of recent years.

A pack of hounds that is today showing as good sport as any in England, and better than most, is the Heythrop.

Situated in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire the Heythrop is one of the best and most unspoilt hunting countries in England. It is a farming country, and the farmers nobly support the Hunt. The jumps are fences and stone walls, and whilst the enclosures are not as big as those in the Shires, there is plenty of room to gallop.

Many years ago the Heythrop was part of the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt, and to this day the Hunt Staff wear the green coats of the Beaufort Livery.

The pack has always been renowned for the excellence of its blood and for its working qualities, and today it is in tip-top form. A beautiful pack of hounds, including a dog that is probably the best looking doghound in the world, Heythrop Harper, and moreover, not merely good looking, but a savage on his fox.

These hounds have, during the cub-hunting caught 49½ brace of cubs in 34 days. This is no mean feat, when one considers the delayed start, due to the late harvest, and the bad weather experienced.

The huntsman of the Heythrop is Captain Ronnie Wallace, one of the three joint Masters, the other two being Colonel Barrow and Mrs. Mackinnon. The last named is a member of the Brassey family, in whose hands the Mastership of these hounds rested for a number of years in the past. Captain Wallace is unquestionably one of the best huntsman of his epoch. Quick and decisive, he is always with his hounds, knows when to leave them alone and when to help them, and his hounds simply love him. He is

ably whipped in to by Percy Durno, who was for some years huntsman, and by Percy's son, Bruce, who must be about one of the youngest Hunt servants in England. The Durnos come of good sporting stock, and they are perfect hunt servants, in every way. The net result is—excellent sport. A good huntsman, good whipper-in, a good pack of hounds, a good country and this whole thing backed up by goodwill amongst the farmers!!!

About the most central Hotel in the Heythrop country is the Langston Arms, at Kingham. It is a typical English Hunting Hotel and Miss Kit Tatham Warter has excellent horses in the adjacent stables.

I might add that I have no interest in either hotel or stables, but I mention them for the information of any American sportsman who might meditate to visit one of the best packs of hounds in England today.

Roster of Beagle Packs

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colors: Green with gold collar and blue piping; evening—same. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Joseph W. Shirley Jr.; Field Masters: Joseph W. Shirley, Jr.; and Victor Weybright. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Mrs. John Bayley, Mrs. Charles R. Rogers and Charles W. Lane.

Basset hounds: 14 couples, hunting cottontail, Kansas jack and fox. Season: October 1st to March 15th, two days a week, Saturdays or Sundays and Wednesdays. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md.

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TREWERYN BEAGLES

Berwyn, Pennsylvania. Established 1924.

A subscription pack founded 1924, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping; evening—coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: David B. Sharp, Jr. Huntsman: James G. Lamb, Jr. Chairman of Field Committee: A. William Battin. Whippers-In: (honorary): Richard H. Thompson, W. West Frazier, IV, George S. Hundt, John B. Todd, Lester T. Hundt, Jr., Robert M. Scott. Kennel huntsman: (professional) Charles Smith.

Twenty couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sunday, August 20th to April first.

Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

Former Masters: William Newbold Ely, 1924-1929; David B. Shaarp, Jr. and James R. Kerr, Jr. (Joint-Masters), 1929-1930.

WHITFORD BEAGLES

Gates Mills, Ohio. Established 1930.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar peacock blue; evening same. Master: Andrew Ford. Huntsman: William Downie IVth. Field Master: John Gilchrist. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Richard Seymour. Whippers-In: (Honorary) David Grund, Charles Richardson, Alfred Vehrung, George Watkins, Robert Adomait and Andrew C. Ford.

Ten couples 13 and 15-inch beagles hunt country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds, Hunt Kansas jack rabbits and cottontail rabbits. October through March. Sunday fixtures and mid-week bye-hunts. Address: Andrew Ford, 2870 Clarkson Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Former Master: Horatio Ford, 1930-1932.

WOLVER BEAGLES

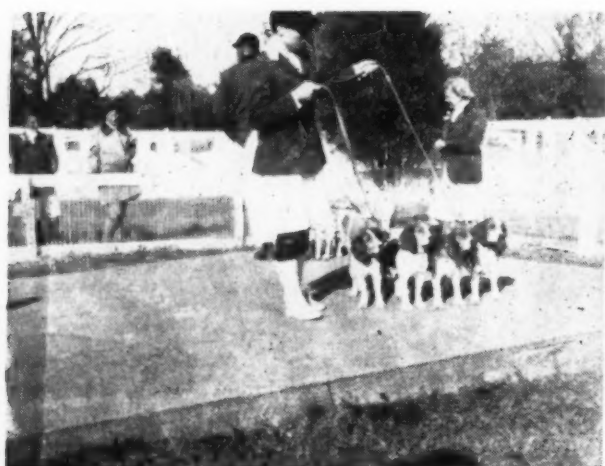
Middleburg, Virginia. Established 1913.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whipper-In: (professional) Charles E. Kirk.

Six couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1st to March 31st at Master's convenience. Visitors welcome.

A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

At The National Beagle Club Trials



Sandanona Joint-Master Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. showing 13 inch, two couple for National Challenge Cup.



Liseter wins John C. Baker Jr. Challenge Plate. Leslie Brown, huntsman, John duPont, whipper-in.



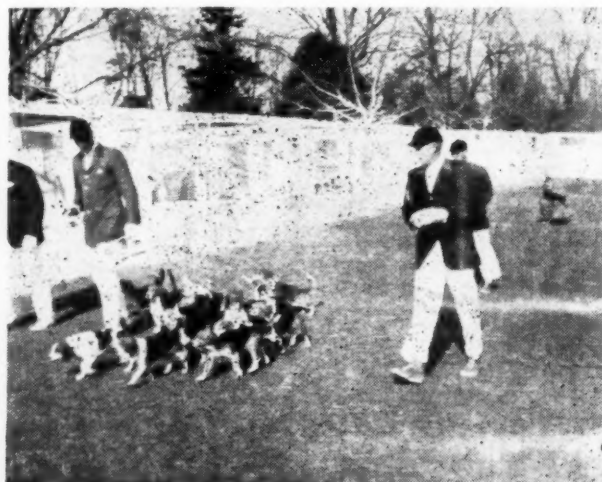
Judge Cowperthwaite presents Turnbull Cup to Mrs. Dean Bedford.



Sir Sister Joint-Masters, Henri F. Pruneret and Mrs. Edward H. Dane, with their National Challenge Cup winners.



North Country Beagles (left) winners of the Somerset Challenge Cup and Sir Sister Cup—(L. to r.): James Lamb, Jr., Reese Howard and Bill Clark. (Right)—Treweryn's eight couples leave the kennel. They took home the Watchmen Cup.



National Trials

Ten Packs From Ten States Represented At 65th Pack Trials Of The National Beagle Club

Jane Dane

Day after halcyon day the sun shone, the "Jelly dogs" ran and the Merry Beaglers made merry indeed at this the 65th pack trial of the National's existence.

Ten packs from as many states were represented, giving all kinds of variety in hound work and handling to the two judges, John Cowperthwaite, and Harry Truxel.

Wednesday afternoon the vans began rolling in to a very picked up, freshly whitewashed, waterless Institute. Due to the drought all washing was barred at Aldie, leading to a high sale in Middleburg drugstores of the "smell nice" products.

That first Wednesday evening we weaklings or possibly brainier set that inhabit the Red Fox, rather than endure the rigors of Squaw Hill, were entertained by Mrs. Dupont before dinner.

It is very pleasant to have Jean's Liseter pack competing at the trials again with Waldingfield's Leslie Brown as huntsman.

George Klauder alias Carter mixed the cocktails for the Sir Sister and the Raynham. Frances Carle is prettier than ever and Ned is my favorite nightcap pal.

Mrs. Gassaway informed Mildred Prunaret of the presence of an Italian Count in the annex. Naturally the next morning we watched him emerge with interest, dressed for the chase with Piedmont. I would like to have asked him about the pack I hunted with in Rome many years ago, but the only Italian phrase I could remember is "Io desidero una bagno perfervare," which might have startled the gentleman, as roughly translated it is "I would like a bath, please." Very suitable for the Institute, but hardly simpatico on first acquaintance.

Thursday morning ten 13-inch packs were run off with a popular win to Pemberton and Sandanona, a close second. Dean Bedford is back in the fold again with a draft from the Waldingfield. There are six new registered packs this year which must mean something in Beagle popularity. One of these, the North Country, Mr. and Mrs. Reese Howard from Oxford, Michigan, won the bulk of the prizes with the hounds that Morgan Wing, Jr. bred and sold them in 1953 when he took over a large Vernon Somerset draft.

Reese Howard is to be congratulated on his fine job as huntsman and the excellent record of his hounds in his first year at the National Trials. He really set a mark which will be hard to equal for the North Country finished their fast pace by winning the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy for the pack scoring the highest total number of points in the field.

Another new pack is the Old Chatham Foot Beagles from Chatham, New York. They were a fine bunch of enthusiasts, with the most gorgeous blonde that has ever appeared at any previous trial, the wife of their huntsman Albert S. Callan, Jr. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gammack is Master, her husband Judge Henry Gammack is trainer, the whips present being John S. Williams, Jr., and

Thomas H. Quinn. This group stayed at a motel near Aldie and would like their hometown, Chatham New York, to know they behaved well and were a credit to the trials. This is another pack which our Secretary, Morgan Wing, has helped start on its way with advice and hounds.

On this first Thursday I was riding next to Ollie Iselin, watching the hound run, when he said, "Janie, do you smell Orange Blossoms in the air?" It was very obvious throughout the trials, in fact, Ollie suggested we run a pair class. Well, good luck to the happy couple.

To get back to new packs, Becky Trimpi was on hand but without her Nantucket Beagles, most of which unfortunately disappeared on a deer three weeks ago. There is a new Canadian pack named "The Royal Canadian School of Infantry Beagles. These beagles are for the use of five thousand men. I hope next year we have the invasion.

The dining room has been renovated to cafeteria style, with newly painted tables and a perpetual coffee machine. One helps oneself, there is no waiting, it is a vast improvement.

The Bedfords entertained at cocktails Thursday night, the invitation reading, "Bring your own glasses, two beds to sit on, and please, Henri, supply the ice."

During the afternoon some of the 15-inch two couples were run with scent improving as the shadows lengthened. The Sir-Sister string was augmented by Win Naylor who replaced Dick Harwood, our heart attack-bridegroom-Secretary, in the Sir-Sister cabin.

Friday, early, the Red Devils went down on frost and didn't do too badly, considering I was hunting them. Well, anyway we won the National Challenge Cup.

Different Huntsmen hunt differently. There is the school of talking to hounds which I learned from Uncle Jimmy Appleton. There is the whistling method for which I think Bun Sharp is responsible. There is the waving of white gloves, Josiah Child school. There is the completely charming method of Mrs. Carle called "Come on me lads," and, finally, there is the Henri Prunaret train of thought which is a bad cold, so he waves a white handkerchief over the line. It works just as well as a red flag to the bull.

Friday night the Sir-Sister had their

cocktail party, a very immense affair, but our guests were kind to their hosts and I was able to bring home some liquid refreshments.

There were thirteen 15-inch two couple packs, won handily by North Country and a nice second by Ollie Iselin's Wolver pack which only has four hounds now, so it was fine he placed.

Twelve four couple packs pursued their quarry to glory or defeat with North Country again running first. Reese really packed home a lot of silverware including a new trophy, a toy white mouse and thereby hangs a tale.

The North Country thirteen-inch two couple had been picked up but started digging at a hole. Whipper-in Morgan Wing stated he would prove a rabbit was in the hole by dragging him out by the ears. He placed his hand in the hole and with a squeak out popped a field mouse almost up his sleeve. A new menace for hole markers!

Saturday, another lovely, lovely day, we finished off the four couples, had a Hound Show, ran five eight couples which Treweyn won deservedly after holding several rabbits, attended a cocktail party with hosts Kent and Adele Leavitt Whitford, and Sandanona among them, ate a large dinner and had the annual meeting. It was quite a day.

Pat Walker from Washington, one of the nicest girls I know, joined the Sir-Sister for the week end to help in every possible way.

The Whitford personnel, Virginia Ford, wife of the Master, Andrew Ford William Downey, the 4th Honorary huntsman, Albert C. Vehring, Jr., whip & last but far from least, John D. Gilchrist, Jr., Field Master, gave everyone a lot of pleasure. Jack, particularly, enlivened many an hour for me with his quips and witticisms. One lyrical limerick particularly, which is bang in the middle of my notes, made my whole trip for the Commodore, my husband, worthwhile.

Mrs. Dupont won the John C. Baker Challenge Plate with her goodlooking Liseter taking over from Sandanona who had won the previous two years. North Country had the highest score in the field with their four couple to win the Sir-Sister Cup.

At the annual meeting there was the usual, uninvited advice pouring in to the Secretary and President, and I nominated my three sons for membership and bought half a chain saw. A very expensive evening for me.

This year the Leavitts, Adele and her father, were in the Gambrill cabin. Adele keeps up the Beagle scrapbook and her father was the official photographer for the trials.

Young Johnny Dupont enjoyed his first time at Aldie as did Leroy Blackwelder who put in a nice bunch of puppies as a four couple.

Sunday was positively hot. The hounds
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Beagling In Britain In The 20th Century

Daphne Moore

A little over a century ago beagling as a sport was decidedly on the wane and it seemed not impossible that in a few years it would die out altogether. Foxhunting was the fashionable occupation; beagling was no doubt voted a slow affair, suited only to the aged indeed, a writer of those days expresses his views thus: "Hunting with the beagle was admirably adapted for ladies and gentlemen up in years. . . ." It will be noted that even then he speaks of beagling in the past tense. In 1837 the NEW SPORTING MAGAZINE lists only thirteen packs in Great Britain and Ireland; in 1886-'87, fifty years later, there were still no more than eighteen; but by 1895 no fewer than forty-four packs were in existence in the United Kingdom. The sudden increase in popularity is as inexplicable as it was beneficial; despite two World Wars the success of the sport has been more than maintained and BAILY'S DIRECTORY now lists a total of some seventy packs in this country and in Ireland.

One interesting point with regard to beagles of today is the extinction of the miniature beagle which flourished—usually in private packs—at the beginning of this century. These measured only 12 or 13 inches, and under modern conditions would obviously be too small to achieve any success. An average of 15 inches should be suitable for any country, whilst a 14 inch pack, if well-bred and of perfect conformation, can show excellent sport. Anything over the 15½ mark is too large; anything under 14 inches would account for very few hares today.

The Army, the Navy and the Air Force are all represented in the beagle world, together with a number of school packs and college packs, and the outlook has never been more healthy or enthusiastic for the sport more strong.

There are, nevertheless, many difficulties to contend with and the modern beagle (in common with the modern foxhound) has an infinitely harder task than his predecessor. The vast and fundamental changes in agriculture have brought about a revolution in hunting conditions in this country, and both the foxhound and the beagle must nowadays be bred with a view to overcoming the difficulties with which he will be faced. The great increase of arable, the widespread use of fertilizers, tractors, with their overpowering oil fumes, more stock in the fields (instead of in yards and sheep-folds), all these make for poorer scenting conditions than formerly.

Added to this, modern farming has indirectly resulted in a phenomenal increase in the hare population, which is four times as large as it was in 1939. It is perhaps not generally known that the hare eats permanent pasture only for medicinal purposes in the same way as a dog; the now considerable quantity of corn, new leys, (pasture and hay) kale and root crops grown in this country affords abundant food of the most favourite kind. The great number of hares naturally increases the risk of changing from the hunted hare to fresh ones and for this reason stamina is more than ever

a necessary attribute of our modern beagle. Imagine a day's hunting with hares in super-abundance; your hounds have tied out three hares, and, at the critical moment through no fault of their own, have changed on to a fresh one. Hare number 4 is then put up and hunted into a different part of the country which is less thickly populated by LEPUS TIMIDUS. Now is the time for their pressure to increase; and this, after a hard day, requires that your hounds are possessed of considerable stamina.

Another of the qualities necessary in the modern beagle is undoubtedly that of NOSE, which is perhaps first in importance, in view of the difficulties aforementioned, brought about by the agricultural revolution. He must also be able to "turn on a sixpence", otherwise, when the hunted hare swings sharply to right or left, doubles back, or squats, the pack will flash on and this will, in all probability, result in a change. Another important requisite in modern hounds is the ability to quicken the pace to what has been described as "top gear"—or, in racing parlance, "turn on the tap."

The ideal conformation (as with a foxhound) consists in the combination of maximum quality and sufficiency of substance without excess. There should be no overburdening with bone—"that useless appendage", as Lord Henry Bentinck described it. There are still two very distinct types of beagle and two very definite schools of thought regarding them. The old-fashioned, rather "square-box" type, characterised by many packs, is gradually giving way to the newer type, resembling a miniature foxhound, with the best of shoulders, lovely quality, fluid action and the ability both to gallop and stay. These hounds, though hardly suited, perhaps, to the "ladies and gentlemen up in years" of that sporting authority of the 1800's, show superlative sport and account for a satisfactory number of hares. A pack of this type, hunting the Cotswold Hills, which is a punishing country for hounds and by no means a good scenting one, has brought a total of nine brace to hand this season in fourteen days hunting since October 2nd. These are the DUMMER Beagles, a strain of which exists in the U. S. A., through Dummer Dairy-maid '49, imported by the late Mr. Richard Gambrell to his Vernon—Somerset kennel and a prizewinner at BRYN MAWR in 1952.

Peterborough Beagle Show this year drew entries from a total of twenty-one packs, a very representative section of the beagling community. The doghound championship was achieved by a comparatively new Hunt, the R. A. F.'s pack. PER ARDUA, winning with Postman '52

who came to them from the Britannia, a naval pack from Dartmouth.

Chilmark Calamity '53, from another newly-formed kennel, established in 1950, was the Champion bitch. Two nice little hounds from the Farley Hill and the Ampleforth (a college pack) won the respective Reserve Championships, the latter, Ampleforth Janet, being unentered. No beagle over 16 inches is allowed to compete at Peterborough. It was generally agreed that this year's standard was particularly high.

A pack which does not show at Peterborough but is decidedly worthy of mention is the Beacon. For two consecutive seasons it has averaged more than a hare a day, thereby proving itself a remarkable working pack, even allowing for the fact that their country, which lies in Somerset and Devon, is one of the best beagling countries in existence. This private pack of 15 inch Stud-Book beagles, was founded in 1940 and has always been in the hands of the Roffe-Silvester brothers.

A very interesting point regarding the origin and breeding of the modern beagle is the fact that every well-bred beagle today descends from well-known foxhound blood—Lord Henry Bentinck's Dorimont 1860, Quorn Alfred 1872, Lord Coventry's Rambler 1873, Belvoir Weathergaze 1876 and other famous strains. The blood is handed down through that of The Roundway Harriers, a private pack which hunted in Wiltshire in the early years of this century, and has been transmitted through a variety of beagle kennels, so that today the blood is to be found in every kennel in the country.

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N. B.—The proffer of a flask is not conversation within the meaning of the above.

Tewksbury Foot Bassets Enjoy Long Run Despite The Elements

Sunday, November 21, was our first really good day so far this season. No record for time or point or distance covered but we did run very nicely for an hour and a quarter on an extra large European hare. It rained and blew Saturday, all Saturday night and all Sunday morning but by 2:30 the rain at least had stopped. The wind was still blowing a gale but despite all this a small field of regulars turned up at the Gibbs house and set out bravely over fields two inches deep in water. These hardy followers included the Ike family, Bill Bross, Louis Starr, the Philip Bowers, Hovey Clark and Jim Peale.

We drew blank across Spanns and Webster Todds but in the meadow opposite Ogden White's house the hounds carried a strong line down the edge of a torrent of water which was rushing across the field. After a bit they could do no more with it but in the process of a circular cast we put him up—in full view of the "field"—and one of the biggest hare I've seen. Heading north he skirted the edge of Lower Pidcock Covert and leaving the white Farm and Webster Todds to the right he crossed the Oldwick-Lamington Road to the river at Spanns. This was in flood so rather than face the water he swung right handed up the meadow, crossed back over the dirt road and headed for Pidcocks again over much the same route we'd just travelled.

The hounds dwelt for a moment near Mrs. Trowbridge Heaton's house but were soon put right and carried the line the full length of Lower Pidcocks de-

spite many deer crossing their path on two separate occasions. Breaking out the Southend they crossed the open fields to the river just above the Moseley house and finally ran out of scent in the flooded meadows.

It was an hour and fifteen minutes of very nice hunting and at a good pace most of the way.

Our expert whipper-in, Miss Margaret Wemple was in the right place every minute and was in and out of each field with the hounds and joint-master H. Fales throughout this rather STIFF run.

Mrs. Nelson Slater, the Essex Fox Hounds new joint master, was airing her family and putting mileage on a new pick-up truck but nevertheless was able to be most helpful at the critical moments.

National Trials

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in the 13-inch three hour stake suffered as did Bun Sharp who was hunting them, but Morgan Wing who had the Huntsman's job for the 15-inch must have nearly died. Even as though a hound as my old Red Devil Ring had had enough and has been sleeping ever since.

The trials ended after Sunday lunch and a farewell supper and songfest at the Iselins.

As usual I have many a visual and mental picture to remember until next year, the frost sparkling on the sedge grass in the mornings, the moving lights and shadows on the Blue Ridge Hills in the late afternoon, the shouts of laughter, and the pleasure of being with congenial people again, the hounds' cry as they boil down a slope to the creek bottom, the pictorial look of the eight couple staffs—all this and Heaven, too, is Aldie.

Summaries

FOXCATCHER PLATE, 13-inch, two couple

1. Pemberton
2. Sandanona
3. North Country
- Res. Liseter I

WHEATLEY FRANTIC CUP, 15-inch, two couple

1. North Country
2. Wolver
3. Sir-Sister II
- Res. Treweryn

SOMMERSET CHALLENGE CUP, four couple

1. North Country
2. Raynham

3. Sir Sister
- Res. Liseter

NATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP,

1. Sir-Sister
- Res. Sandanona

SIR-SISTER CUP

North Country Four couple

JOHN C. BAKER CHALLENGE PLATE

- Liseter
- Res. Raynham

WATCHMAN CUP, eight couple

1. Treweryn
2. Sandanona
3. Sir-Sister
- Res. Whitford

MINSTREL PLATE, three hour stake

1. Liseter Ruby
2. Sir-Sister Beetle
3. Pemberton Gadyfly
- Res. Sandanona Lovely

TREWERYN FORGER CUP, three hour stake

1. Pemberton Thrifty
2. North Country's Sandanona's Merry-maker
3. Sir-Sister Dayspring
- Res. North Country's Waldingfield Pilot

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- North Country, 29 points
- Sir-Sister, 21 points

WELFARE CUP—Best 13-inch Beagle

1. Sandanona Laughter (Bitch)
- (Liseter Ch. Merry-lad—V. S. Beverly)

Res. Liseter Charmer (Bitch)

Floch. Grays' Captain—Liseter Linda

TURNBULL CUP—Best 15-inch Beagle

1. Pemberton Dough Boy (Dog)
- (Waldingfield Nimrod—V. S. Doris)
- Res. Waldingfield Prophet
- (Oval Ch. Amawalk Link—W. Pumpkin)

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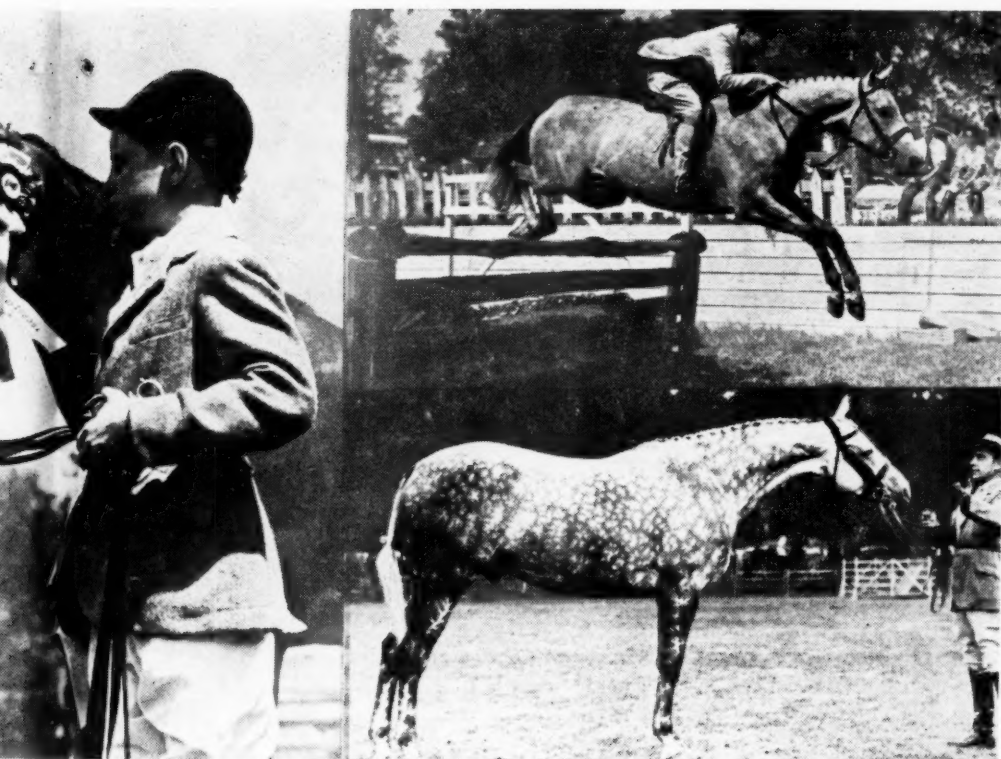
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CHAMPION BITCH at the Clonmel Beagle Show—Middleton Foot "Cobweb".



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BEST COUPLE OF DOGHOUNDS—Cashel "Ragman and Rasper". Ragman was also reserve champion of the show.

Successful Beagle Show At Clonmel Hound Sale An Innovation

Stanislaus Lynch

The annual Beagle Show at Clonmel, held on Thursday July 22, the second day of Clonmel Horse Show, was the liveliest and best held so far, and the novel idea of holding a hound sale afterwards made it a thoroughly enjoyable day for all concerned.

Five classes had bigger entries than ever before:—14 in the Unentered Doghounds, 14 in the Entered Dog-Hounds, 16 in the Entered Bitches, 10 in the Brood Bitches, and 9 couples in the Class for Best Couple of Bitches of any age. The total of 104 hounds entered beats all previous Beagle Shows at Clonmel.

Eight packs were represented:—Cashel (Co. Tipperary), Corduff (Co. Dublin), Curragh Foot Beagles (Co. Kildare), Holy-Cross (Co. Tipperary), Oakfield (Cos. Clare & Limerick), Middleton Foot (Co.

Cork), Wellfort Co. Galway) and the Waterford Beagles.

The judges were Mr. G. P. Roffe-Silvester, Master of the Tiverton Foxhounds, Devon and former Master of the Beacon Beagles Somerset; and Major Mann, Lechlade. They thought the bitches showed more quality than the doghounds, and had better shoulders and were less stocky about their fronts. They particularly liked some of the genuine old black-and-tan types as these are almost a rarity in England today, and they suggested we should do everything possible to preserve them.

It was good to see the Cashel pack which was formed only a few years ago and was making its debut at Clonmel bring home a few rosettes. They won the Corduff Cup for Best Couple of Doghounds with Ragman and Rasper,

two black-and-tans bred by Miss Doreen D'Arcy, master of the Wellfort. They had even a higher honour when Ragman was Reserve Champion of the Show, and winner of the Fergus Power Challenge Cup. Th success should help to cheer up the young huntsman, Mr. W. Nolan, who is in hospital, but his father Mr. P. Nolan accepted the awards on behalf of the committee.

A welcome innovation was the hound sale held after the show. It was a private auction confined to members of the Irish Masters of Beagles Association, and it was a great success. The idea gives great scope for improvement for future shows and is well worth developing. It gives masters a chance to acquire new bloodlines from reliable sources, without the trouble and inconvenience of having to travel long distances to procure them. In future sales it would be worth considering giving the first option on surplus hounds to members of the Association, after which the sale might be made open to outsiders, such as packs which were only starting. It would encourage potential members and help the sport in general.

RESULTS

Best unentered dog hound—1. Holy-Cross Gallant; 2. Wellfort Craftsman.

Best entered dog hound—1. Corduff Archer; 2. Oakfield Gamboller.

Best stallion hound—1. Oakfield Gamboller; 2. Waterford Capstan.

Best couple dog hounds—1. Cashel Ragman and Rasper; 2. Wellfort Craftsman and Cranberry.

Champion dog hound—1. Corduff Archer; Reserve Champion—Cashel Ragman.

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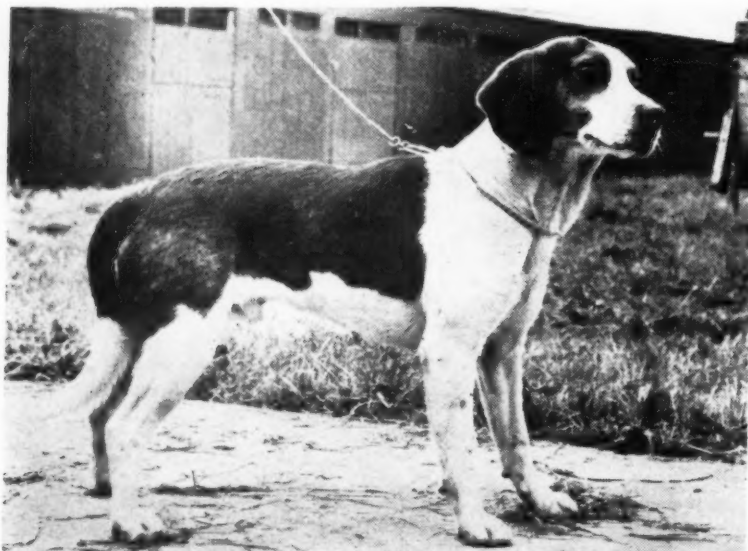
Best unentered bitch—1. Middleton Foot "Cora"; 2. Holy-Cross Gaiety.

Best entered bitch—1. Corduff Ardent; 2. Middleton Foot "Comedy".

Best brood bitch—1. Middleton Foot "Cobweb"; 2. Holy-Cross Active.

Best couple bitches—1. Holy-Cross Favourite and Dancer; 2. Holy-Cross Cheerful and Chafer.

Champion bitch—Middleton Foot "Cobweb"; Reserve Champion—Corduff "Ardent".



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CHAMPION DOG HOUND at the 1954 Clonmel Beagle Show—Corduff "Archer".

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Account Of National Beagle Club Trials At Aldie 1915 and 1916

Jo. H. Child

A few years ago, Joseph Hutchins of Fall River, owner of the Watuppa Beagles, which contain more Florist blood than any other beagles today, handed me some copies of the "American Field" dated November 1915 and November 1916.

Among other articles on beagles they contain a report of the National Beagle Club's Trials, held for the first time at Aldie:

"The twenty-sixth annual field trials and ninth annual show for beagles held at Aldie, Va., started under the most favorable conditions. The Club should be congratulated on its selection of grounds, as in the opinion of all, it is the finest place they have ever run trials on and undoubtedly, the finest grounds in the United States. Aldie is a small village about fourteen miles from The Plains. The grounds are about four miles from Aldie and a more beautiful rolling country cannot be found. The trials were run over the Institute tract of one thousand acres. This land, we judge, has been farmed to death since the war—everything taken off and nothing put on—hence, a suitable home for the cotton-tails that have the get-up-and-go in them.

Everything possible was done for the comfort of every man and dog and every member of the Club was ready to offer a helping hand or suggestion. A more democratic Club would be hard to find. There was an abundance of rabbits. The grounds were just hilly enough so that spectators could see nearly every chase from beginning to end. . . ."

"The packs of eight couples of beagles started first. There were eight packs entered, judged by Thomas Shalldross and Charles A. Vogel. (Each hunt is described in detail.) Each pack entered contains the name of each hound, the name of the owner and handler. The packs competing were:

Piedmont Pack—Placed first, Piedmont Hunt Club, Owners—Arthur Kirby, Handler.

Belray Pack—Raymond Belmont, Owner—Handler.

Vernon Place Pack—Richard Gambrill, Owner—Handler.

Ragdale Pack—Arthur Burden, Owner—Handler.

Old Westbury Pack—J. S. Phipps, Owner, Joseph Quinn, Handler.

Wolver Pack—C. Oliver Iselin, Owner—Handler.

Wheatley Pack—Second, H. C. Phipps, Owner, Arthur Little, Handler.

Somerset Pack—Third, George P. Post, Jr., Owner, Ernest Peutrell, Handler.

Bayard Tuckerman can tell you something about each one of the above packs. It will be noticed that the name Owner and Handler only is used, not the term Huntsman and Whipper-in. Ernest Peutrell, the huntsman for the Somerset Pack, became the Huntsman of the Wing Ridge Pack when the Vernon Place and Somerset Packs were merged in 1922. The Somerset Pack had been established in 1888.

There were nine packs entered in the four couple class which was also won by the Piedmont; Somerset was second, Wheatley, third; and Wolver, Reserve.

There were sixteen packs in the fifteen-inch Two Couple.

Belray, was placed first; Wolver, second; Sir-Sister, third; Piedmont, fourth.

There were only four thirteen-inch Two Couple packs.

Old Westbury Pack, was first; Rose-dale Pack, second; Old Westbury Pack II, third.

"The ninth annual bench show was held on Sunday, November 7th, and brought forth about as excellent an array of high class beagles as have ever been benched and they were most excellently judged by Paul Jones, his awards meriting the praise almost universally given. The special for the best hound in the show is narrowed to a contest between the imported bitch, Belray Cora, and the imported dog, Somerset Watchman, the former winning out in a close race."

I suspect that the Watchman Challenge Cup for the eight couple class, won by the Wolver in 1918, was named after Somerset Watchman.

The classes must have taken all day for they included all the classes we now have at the Bryn Mawr Show, plus classes for two couple and for three couple. (I notice also that Wheatley Frantic was placed in the show. This must be the hound that the 15" two couple cup is named for.

The single classes, including derby classes, then went on for three days and included all dogs that had previously run in the pack classes. It looks as if the pack owners had had much more leisure in those days.

Out of the November 1916 issue (though somewhat damaged) I have extracted the following:

"The fields are mostly pasture land of tall grass, called broom grass, which does not permit many sight chases. Several packs will often be run off, while the judges and spectators stand on the

top of one little hill and watch the whole performance, perhaps moving ten or fifteen rods, to where they can see down the other side or through the ravine and up the side of the opposite hill. The old Institute building is very adaptable for the use of the Club. It is made of stone and concrete. It has a large dining room in the basement which will accommodate one hundred and fifty guests, a parlor of about the same size on the main floor and two large bedrooms, probably having been used for classrooms by the school. There are two additional stories above with bedrooms to accommodate one hundred people." This statement should inspire the present day house and rooming committee to look into the matter of housing more people in the main building. The fire hazard committee should also be made aware of any new developments in this direction.

1916

This year the trials started out with 13" two couple as they do today. There were eight of them, including a Waldingfield Pack.

Results—Reynal Pack, first; Piedmont, second; Waldingfield, third.

There were nineteen 15" two couple packs, the largest entry I have ever been able to discover at the Nationals. First, the Piedmont Pack was owned by the Piedmont Hunt Club. Joseph B. Thomas, I believe, was the Master, and Arthur Kirby was the Handler. This was the year before Frank Stuart appeared as huntsman. This pack seems to have been the outstanding one of those days, as they placed in nearly every class in which they were entered for a number

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The Dummer Beagles

A Modern Pack Of Beagles, Bred On Genetical Lines Proves To Be Very Successful

C. R. Acton

There is nothing so satisfying as being able to point to a concrete instance to prove one's views. For years when writing about the breeding of Hounds, I have advocated the more advanced form of genetical breeding, I think it would be wholly in place to describe a modern pack of beagles, bred upon genetical lines, and, moreover, bred with brilliant success. This pack is the Dummer. As they were started only in 1940 they are certainly "modern", whilst their Master, Mr. Newton Rycroft, is a geneticist as well as a huntsman of hare-hounds. Mr. Rycroft has studied genetics for some years, and has been tremendously influenced by the work of Sir John Buchanan-Jardine.

In his breeding schemes he has tried to "conserve" the best beagle lines and graft (1) the steadiness and disdain of riot of Caldbeck Fell Bloater (2) the "quickness" of the Quorme and Cotley and (3) the drive and stamina of the best Kerry blood. He aims at a pack that hunts close, never stops trying, and disdains riot, especially fox and rabbit. The first is obtained by breeding, the second by handling, and the third is greatly facilitated by aiming at a high standard of kennel discipline.

With regard to the last named, I might interpolate the suggestion that Newton Rycroft's Kennel discipline has to be seen to be believed! Over and over again I have seen him leave the pack, with strict instructions not to move, sitting on the grass verge of a road, in two rows, with little heads cocked inquisitively on one side, whilst he himself entered some farm house, or cottage, to talk to the occupant. And not a hound has moved. I have seen George Evans of the H. H. and Jack Cobbey of the South and West Wilts do very much the same thing with their hounds, but at the moment I cannot recall any other huntsman with quite this control over his hounds, unless it were George Gillson of the Warwickshire, who has on many occasions taken hounds to the meet, hunted them, and brought them home, without a whipper-in.

To revert to the breeding:—Newton Rycroft started by breeding one litter in 1940, one in 1943 and then started breeding again in 1947. Bushhead Wagtail '37 bred Woldsman '41 by Croft Foreman '36.

New College Nectar '36 bred Nemesin and Nettle '45 by Woldman '41. Unlike most of the "orthodox" breeders Newton Rycroft pays no attention to tail female or to tailmale lines. He simply breeds back to certain bitches or dogs, but does not mind where in the pedigree their names occur. In this, of courses, he is supported by modern Genetics.

Woldsman '41 mentioned above, has been described by Sir John Buchanan-Jardine as "the greatest name in modern beagle breeding." I will endeavour to explain why. Woldsman's sire, Croft Foreman '36 was outstanding in the field. His dam, Bushmead Wagtail '37 was the best hound Mr. Rycroft has ever hunted. She appeared quite perfect. Foreman had three lines to the Rounday Pastime '06 and Wagtail two. Pastime was a small 15¼ grey-pyed bitch, won-

derful in the field even for that kennel, and, like Kilkenny Gory '21 and Sir Edward Currie's Danger '15 her blood was superdominant. Many packs have used Woldsman; the Bolebrooke, Wye College, Eton College, Aldershot, Ampleforth, Britannia, Christ Church and New College, Farley Hill, Newcastle and District, Sandhurst and Warwickshire have all got good descendants of his. Other packs have used him, and the only case where he did not nick was the Old Berkeley. Eton College Woodman '45 (another great modern beagle stallion) was by Woldsman out of Eton College Mischief '40 by Eton College Minor '32 who was out of Eton College Melody '27 who was by Royal Rock Merryman '24 out of Royal Rock Madcap '20 He, therefore, combines the nose and quickness of Woldsman with the wonderful music of the old Royal Rock pack.

In addition to being a first class worker in the field and a patriarch in the kennel, Woldsman won the Dog Hound Championship at Peterborough. Nemesin '45 had a wonderful nose and it is probably due to her that the present pack have such ability to hunt down tarmac. Ampleforth Major '38 sired Ampleforth Dervish '47 who sired Dummer Delia '50. Major had a wonderful note and was excellent through sheep-foil. He had a line to Quorme Ringlet '27. Caldbeck Fell Bloater was noted for voice and disdain of riot.

New College Viceroy '49 had great hare-sense, nose and voice. This dog was a grandson of Quorme Gaiety '34 and both sire and dam had a line to Quorme Ringlet '27. Trinity Proctor '48 was a good all round dog in his work.

The lines that interested Mr. Rycroft and that he has tried to get are: Quorme and Cotley Harrier blood. Mr. Portman's Minor '15, Sketchley Freeman '20, Trinity Goblet '21, Sinton Forester '19—Bicester Tunesful '14 both entered in 1922. Royal Rock Melody and her brother Merryman '24, Basted Bluebell '26, non-studbook. Storrington Mustard '31, Eton College Minor '32 and his sire Chaser '28, Old Berkeley Commodore '32, Croft Foreman '36, Bushmead Wagtail '37, Ampleforth Major '38, Caldbeck Fell Bloater.

As far as colour is concerned, Newton Rycroft likes all colours bar chocolate, but his favourites are badger, lemon and blue. He makes it a rule when choosing a stallion hound to say "Would you use him if he were not this colour?"

He likes the majority of the pack to be of light colored hounds, for seeing on the hills. The present dark hounds are only due to the fact that at that time the best working sires were dark. It is hoped that such hounds as Brusher '49A, Valiant '53 and Castle Milk Sampler will restore the preponderance of light colours.

The Dummer Beagles start fit. Before the first morning they are doing from 15 to 20 miles on the roads three times a week.

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can run up over the stone walls with their 15 inch sisters. The Master drafts vigorously, but he would not draft a first season puppy for being run off her legs. In her second season she might be tireless. It is obvious from all the above that the Dummer Beagles are bred for work all the time, but they are a wonderfully good looking bitch pack. In the few years they have been going, Woldsman won a Dog Hound Championship and Rainbow, Rosewood and Princess all won Bitch Championships at Peterborough. It is a real joy to see them either in kennel or out hunting, and I cordially agree with a certain famous professional huntsman of foxhounds who exclaimed, after seeing the Dummer on the flags. "This must be the best pack of beagles in England".

Newton Rycroft keeps only the bitches that he breeds and a glance at the hound lists of many of the best beagle packs of today show how much they have been improved by the use of the dog hounds that they have obtained from him. Also at all the Hound shows in Great Britain and Eire it was noticeable how much the Dummer blood has become in evidence amongst the winners.

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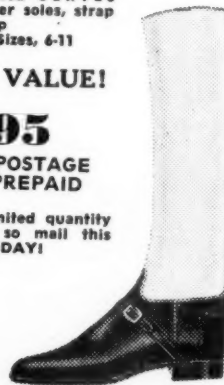
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Waldingfield Beagles

Founded 1886, Are Disbanded—17½ Couples Go To Ligonier Valley And Pemberton Beagles

Josiah H. Child

We had our last meet of the beagles at Barney's Joy, South Dartmouth, Mass., on Sunday April 24th. It was as good a day as we have had in many a year and even though not carrying the horn, but hobbling with a cane far behind, I enjoyed every moment of it.

Leslie Brown hunted ten couple of hounds. Luckily they scarcely needed any whipping in, for Barie Whittall was mounted and Mouse Almy, tired from a week's vacation from Wellesley, couldn't seem to keep up very well. Many of the old faithful followers were there, including the Grews who brought Doris Bryant, Jane Dane and her son Nat, the Win Naylor and Don Rowan all the way from Wayland, and of course Col. Jack Mansfield and the Tuckermans.

The rabbits were plentiful and ran well, giving the hounds sight chases, hard picking on the sand dunes and good running on the pastures. The smell of the sea and the sound of the waves add-

ed to the pleasures of the afternoon. All came to our house afterwards for a convivial after-hunt party—and thus the last formal hunt of the Waldingfield Beagles ended on a pleasant note.

Two days later seven couple were

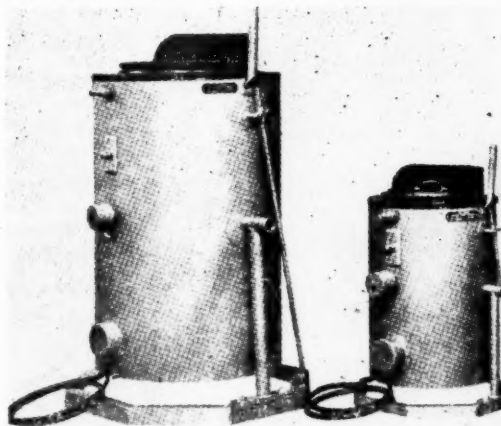
picked up by Raymond, who formerly took care of the Pentucket Beagles, and is still in the employ of Mrs. G. K. Clement, widow of Kimball. They went off in a trailer marked "Pentucket Beagles" to make the long trip to Ligonier, Pa., where they are to be kenneled with the Rolling Rock Fox Hounds. They will be cared for there and hunted by George Clement. It is fitting that George should have them, because it was his father, Kimball Clement, Master of the Pentucket, who got me started in pack hunting. Kimball first took me to the Nationals in 1936. I won the National Challenge Cup that year. Each year there-

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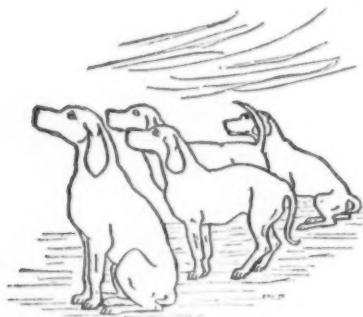
So far, so good. I take a deep breath. Things just can't continue this well. This is the first time I have ever hunted hounds for the subscribers. My husband, their regular Huntsman, is laid up today and I would give, well, I don't

be such an enormous Field today? The weather is lousy, but in spite of it, there must be 80 people standing around—well, 40 maybe. Wouldn't you think they'd stay home today?

The Field Master wants to make an announcement. No, he's not. . . yes, he is going to blow his horn to get peoples' attention—no. . . Toot. Hounds leap forwards, backwards, up and down when they hear the horn. Panic sets in. I'll never get them back. Where are the Whips? Why don't they move? We spend hours telling them what to do, now why don't they do something? Ah, but they are there, quickly turning hounds, and with a couple of toots, they are back to me.

The announcement made, we turn to draw. Fine snow is now blowing in sideways from the east. After the first wild scattering and ten minutes of misery when I think hounds will never settle down and hunt for me, they are all right.

Roguish opens, "Yowp, yowp". Everybody gets nervous. Field, hounds and especially me. She is a good bitch, but occasionally unstable. What shall I do? What is it that the regular Huntsman always does at times like this? For the life of me, I can't remember. I stand still and blow one blast. That ought to do something. It does. The hare suddenly



"... ready to break any instant."

know what I would give, to have him back in charge right now.

I'll throw some biscuit to the trouble-makers—nothing like an appeal to the stomach.

"Hup, Mendip. You know my voice? don't you, Mendip? (but how could you the way it is shaking.)"

Minuet, Minuet—huic—(I'll wring your pretty little neck if you babble!)

And Thistle, whee Thistle, biscuit, huic, huic (come back here, you clown!)

All right hounds, (a toot on the horn) van up."

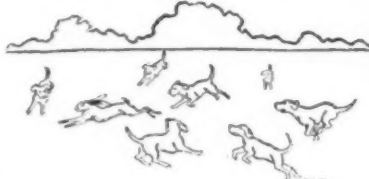
Crackle and Moley have to be thrown in as usual. Darter is found hiding under the trailer. Put her in, close the door. Last minute word to the whips.

"Watch Thistle and Mona—don't let them wander—but otherwise let hounds draw wide as we have a short pack. (All our reliable bitches are in season, but what the field doesn't know won't hurt them.)"

Terrible fight breaks out on one side of the van. Thrashing, snarls, screams. Whip crawls in to separate combatants, gets nipped. My fault, we have put Moley in with Barrister by mistake. Error quickly rectified. We are off.

Day is bitterly cold, raw, overcast. At meet I wish I had worn pants instead of skirt. A gust of wind makes me doubly regretful of my costume. I look at my hounds. They are sitting on their sterns, haunches slightly off the ground, shivering to the last dog. They look ready to break any instant. I pull out the biscuits and begin to bribe again. It starts to snow.

Dear heaven, why does there have to



"... and is free..."

leaps up in the middle of the pack, flattens her ears, ducks left, right, left, and is free, flying downwind across the field without ever a leap to locate herself. This hare knows the country. After a moment suspended in time when hounds seem to be snapping at air and running in place, they suddenly make contact with the plow, hit their stride and are off. Like tracer bullets. Surely they never ran that fast before. I feel as if I were on a treadmill. I can't get my breath. My legs are wooden. Now they are a big field ahead of me. Surely they'll over-run now; surely they'll check, or sniff, or slow down, surely. . .

But no, today they run as fast to nose as to view. That demented Barley is leading them. She has a very fine nose, not much voice, and runs like a whippet for a flag. Now they're out of sight in the snow. Two whips pass me. Then two college boys. I run one field, two, three, then into the woods and down a lane. At the fork a breathless boy tells me they are speaking north. I hear nothing, but turn right and run some more. Mother Macree, it's only Folly on a squirrel. She has a weakness for them. I look down. I had thought there were tracks up here but they have turned back. I run south now,

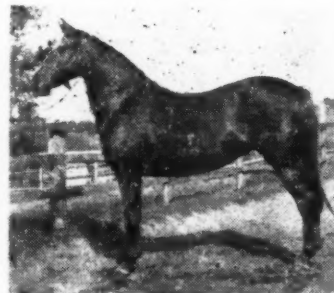
blowing occasionally, and suddenly hounds begin to appear from ahead. How horrible—I have blown them back from the line. Did the regular Huntsman ever make such a blunder? A winded Whip runs up to say that hounds have checked on the road ahead. Well, that's a touch better. I gather hounds up with a toot-toot, and jog up to the road, hoping it will look to the growing crowd of spectators as if I were bringing the hounds on to a halloo. No such luck as several hounds are still there, feathering on the far side of the road. I put my bunch on and in an instant, they are away through a sheep pen.

Now I can keep up as the hare is circling and turning. My chief problem is keeping over-anxious trackers away from the head of the pack. The hare will not break away.

At last there is a view on the road again. She has doubled back but it is against our principle ever to lift hounds to a view when they are running. So I let them work the line slowly out, and Moonlight, Barley, and Duchess do some lovely work. Daring picks it up on the

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The Dummer Beagles

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find a good working outcross here is the chance of a lifetime! Every year Newton Rycroft disposes of his dog-whelps. My advice is "get some! and get some quickly!"

Aldie 1915 and 1916

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of years. The Wolver Pack was second and the Charmion, owned by George Flammer, was third.

The Vernon Place Pack won the four couple. This is the first record I can find of their winning. . . the start of a long line of winnings which lasted for thirty-seven years. The Waldingfield placed second and Piedmont, third.

The Wolver Pack won the eight couple and continued to win this class for four years in succession. I note there were many Belray hounds in the Wolver Pack and that Belray is no longer entered in the pack classes. This would indicate that Mr. Belmont gave up his hounds at that time and Ollie Iselin got a substantial draft fro mthat pack.

Chetwood Smith judged the bench show that year. The Best Hound was the Wolver entry of Belray Cora. (She also won the Brood Bitch Class). This bitch later reached the second series class in the 15" single bitch class. There were classes for couples, two couples, three couples and eight couples. The eight couple was won by the Wheatley Beagles.

Joe Hutching has other **Fields** which he will let me have, but I think this is enough reminiscence for now.

I wish I were with you. . . Good Hunting!

Substitute Huntsman

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road again, and I cheer to her as she excels on roads. The pack runs west a hundred yards before breaking back into the woods.

The slow trailing has cost us time however, and the wind has risen, so the next thirty minutes are cautious work with two what seem to me horrendously long checks before the line is recovered. What I wouldn't give for a view. We get into cottontail covert and pandemonium breaks loose. Every hound has a bunny it seems. I blow and blow and blow. People are freezing. My lipstick smears all over my face from the horn mouthpiece and I see spots (the correct technique of horn-lowing completely escapes me).

Finally all but Garnet are with me and he puts in an appearance ten minutes later with a cross Whip on his tail. Due to his age, cottontail are evidently becoming more appealing to him than hare. They don't run so fast. I feel a moment of keen sympathy with him.

We are so far behind our hunted hare, I decide to try for a fresh one in a field nearby. The field has thinned out to a dozen or so for the snow is driving furiously, lashing our faces and drenching our sneakers. Hounds draw well, particularly Merrymaker. Snow is his element—the deeper it gets the harder he will work—but a hot sun on the contrary will finish him off very quickly.

As we draw the field, I am conscious of an increasing disturbance. A jet plane is zooming over us, again, again, and again. Each pass is lower and it is evident he is in trouble. Visibility must be almost zero to him—we only see him for

an instant before he disappears into the thick wall of snow. On the fourth pass, his engine coughs, dies, and he vanishes. My stomach flops but we hear no crash. Within 5 minutes the Syosset fire whistles blow and we envision the worst.

I have little heart to hunt. We'll draw one more field and go in. I am just turning towards home—my Whips are way out—the Feildway behind, discussing the plane, when unexpectedly a jack jumps up and bounds off—to the west of course, away from home.

Where else? I don't think the Field even saw it. The cry of hounds is swept away by the wind. I wave and shout and three or four begin to run. I don't remember starting but I'm running again too.

Maybe hounds will lose at the road. Maybe scent is getting worse. Maybe the hare will double back.

I catch up to Garnet, tossing him a breathless, cheering (I hope) word, then Crackle who is puffing along on her short doughy legs (the snow is getting deep for her), and finally the pack check on the road. However, there is no excuse for packing up and going in there are the tracks of the hare quite plainly up the side of the road. Daring leads the packs and soon they swing back into a small field. This is a step in the right direction. But what's this? Could Daring be having a running fit? And Duchess too? A short circle of twenty feet in diameter and back to the road? But there are the tracks. It's the hare that's mad.

This time she goes straight across and leaves the country without further ado.

I worry about Ruthless who does not cross the road with us. We haven't lost a hound out hunting since I can remember. At least two years. Am I going to be the one to break this record?

Hounds go on and on, field after field. get into a development of houses, untangle a double back in a dooryard, make several breaks for the west but each time turn south again, enter a big oak wood, unravel a hairpin turn one way along the bottom of a banked wall and then along the top in the reverse direction, then line out into Chadwick's big field, well out of our usual country. Finally Ruthless puts in an appearance and joins the hounds at a check. She has trailed us for about a mile and a half. A friend drives up to say that the jet crash-landed safely and the pilot was uninjured. Hounds pick their check, and suddenly the day seems wonderful.

I don't mind my icy feet or the stinging snow, Hounds hunt magnificently. Each seems to contribute something outstanding. Mendip takes the line into a wood, Moley jumps the hare afresh Darter corrects an error at the edge of the field again, Garnet picks a check—the pack hunts on and on and on. I have nothing to do but follow them and cheer them on occasionally.

A friend drives a Whip back for the van. We hunt the remaining half hour 'till it is too dark to see hounds, then I blow them off, and this time the biscuits aren't bribes. The hounds seem like the gamest little hounds in all the world as they crunch their biscuit and turn gaily beside me towards the headlights of the waiting van.

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Waldingfield Beagles

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after until the war, Kimball, Genie Fisher and I, with our hounds in the trailer, used to make the trip to Aldie together, stopping on the way at the Cowperthwaite's to take in the Gladstone Trials. There were never two better traveling companions than Kimball and Genie and the fun we had was enormous. I shall always honor the memory of Kimball as one of the people who contributed more joy and satisfaction to my life than almost anyone else. Both Kimball and Genie are gone now and so are most of the beagles, but it is a good feeling to know that the Waldingfield blood will be continued under the guidance of Kimball's son George.

A few days later Louise Bedford arrived and another seven couple of our hounds were loaded into her beach wagon to be taken to their farm in Fallston, Md., to help the Bedfords start up again their Pemberton Pack, discontinued at the time of the war. The Bedfords, Dean and Louise, always do anything they undertake well and so I have every expectation that pretty soon we will see the Pemberton Pack appearing at the Bryn Mawr Show and competing and winning at the Nationals.

They have already bred a Sandanona bitch included in their draft to our Postman, so the Waldingfield blood will continue to flow in Maryland as well as in Pennsylvania. Postman is being shipped to Long Island to become a member of the Buckram Pack. We hope that some of his progeny will soon be running along side of him in the field there.

I am keeping two of the best bitches, both are bred, one to Tango and one to Postman. The Tuckermans are keeping three bitch puppies—so the Waldingfield Pack has not disintegrated completely. We even have hopes of showing up next fall at the Trials with a two-couple pack hunted by Bayard Tuckerman, for he seems to be getting younger and younger.

Leslie Brown, who has been our devoted and keen kennel huntsman for six seasons, is going to the Liseter Beagles to act in the same capacity for Mrs. Austin Dupont at Newtown Square, Pa. He will take over Jack Carson's job for Jack like me is getting along in years and cannot run like he used to. We understand he will take over the care of the broodmares, a job he is extremely well

qualified for.

And thus one recognized pack, the Waldingfield, will withdraw from the list of registered packs—but two new packs have been formed and one pack will be stimulated by a new huntsman. . . . And so, good hunting to them all. The Tuckermans and I will watch each pack with keen interest.

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down dale, and soon accounted for their second fox of the day. The mask was awarded to Mrs. Royal Firman, Jr., as a birthday present. After the hunt refreshments were served at the Firman's Fox Spring Farm where healthy appetites were appeased.

On October 23, hounds met at Mr. Mather's stables in Mentor. All who hunted that day were thrilled with the wonderful country. The rolling fields with no obstructions, save peaceful dairy cattle, enabled members of the field to have a grand view of the hounds as they worked the line. Now double panels have been put in by James Webster and his crew so that the field can stay with the hounds. If some desire the flat route, gates easily operated from horseback are available.

Both fox and deer broke simultaneously and hounds did themselves proud by ignoring the deer entirely and running their fox in full cry. Huntsman Wester gave a "tally-ho" that rocked the country-side. A full 50 minute period of fast galloping followed with no opportunity for checks. At one point it was necessary to cross the railroad tracks and solicitous members shouted

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Chagrin Valley

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back to those following him to, "Beware B & O!" Hounds put their fox to ground and it was many an overheated horse and rider who walked the six miles back to Mather's stable. —M. J. D.

RAPIDAN HUNT, The

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The country itself has seen tremendous improvement with many new panels enabling the field to stay in much closer contact with the pack. Also a good number of important paths were cleared during the summer months.

The outstanding run of the cubbing season was November 13. The meet was at Mountain Glen, home of the Roland Cronks. Hounds were cast in Jerdens Mountain where they found a stout hearted red on the Yatton side of the Mt. They went away strong to the top and

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Regulars in the Field aside from the staff have been Mrs. Roland Cronk and daughter Joan, Mr. V. R. Shackelford, Jr., and Masters Rodney Jenkins and

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BEAGLES FROM THE DISBANDED WALDINGFIELD PACK AT A JOINT HUNT LAST SPRING.

Rapidan Hunt

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Jerry Binns. Guests have been George Williams, brother of the Master Langbourne Williams, Col. John Meade, and Miss Audrey Hewitt of England.

—T.D.

HUMOR IN THE FIELD

Truth, they say, is stranger than fiction, and, as our old friend John Jorrock once said, "There's nothing as queer as scent, 'cept a woman"; be all this as it may, this poor scribe was called to the telephone the other day when a very charming voice asked if he was in a good humor. Answering in the affirmative, the still charming voice asked if he would call at a certain fashionable dentist's office in Philadelphia after three o'clock, get her false teeth and bring them to the meet of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds the next morning. Anything to oblige a lovely lady.

Episode number two was a slender young girl of about twelve years, with two long brown pigtailed sailing straight out behind her as she galloped along bareback on a little shaggy pony. We came to a barway in a wire fence with the single top rail nailed in so tight no one could move it. While several strong hands were fussing and fuming with the rail, our little friend with the pigtailed rode up, jumped off and crawled under the rail, pulled her pony after her, then giving us the sweetest smile, galloped away alone with the hounds.

Part three of this tale also pertains to a lovely lady who was galloping along a bridle path that has a line of telephone poles beside it. Hounds were running at a good pace parallel to the wide grass ride when the lady's horse cast a hind shoe that flew up in the air and lodged on one of the telephone wires; to be a permanent emblem of good luck to all who pass that way.

Then, just to make the day complete, a gallant gentleman from Virginia and

a local Diana had each picked their panel in a fair sized fence, the lady a half length behind the Virginian and the next panel on his left. The Virginia sportsman's horse broke the top rail, half of it flying up, turning like a pinwheel, and striking the lady's horse a hard blow on the head just as he was

taking off at the fence. The lady in question proceeded over the fence, minus her horse who very wisely dug his toes in and stopped. Fortunately the lady in question was not injured, and after extracting several large splinters from her steed's face and ears, rejoined the chase.

— Martin Gale

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In the Country



CLEVELAND BAYS TO PAKISTAN

Oswald Welford, Secretary of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society of Great Britain, writes that he has recently arranged for the shipment of a number of Cleveland Bays to Pakistan. On September 22nd the mares Prima Donna and Princess Roxanna and the 2-year-old stallion Eaglescliffe Maharajah were shipped to Karachi. On October 30th the mare Lucky Primrose was shipped to Col. Ali Moon at Rawalpindi.

TROPHY TO IRELAND

Capt. Michael G. Tubridy's widow in Ireland will shortly receive the Trophy offered in his memory by the Pennsylvania National, the National and the Royal Winter Fair. The International Team with the best aggregate score in the three events at these shows was the Mexican Team. General Humberto Mariles publicly returned the Trophy to Lt. Col. Stuart C. Bate, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Royal Winter Fair with the request that it be sent to Mrs. Tubridy to keep for her daughter as a remembrance of the esteem in which her father was held by his fellow competitors. — A. D. R.

BIG HIT

Madam Lis Hartel made a great hit at the Royal with her mare Jubilee in her display of Dressage. Old timers watched her with fascination and large numbers of Pony Club members were seen studying her movements night after night. Just seeing her effortless flowing performances has meant much to those who aspire to be Dressage riders and she talked to many of them, being by nature a very friendly and helpful person. Not so many met her mother who is also a remarkable person and works with their young horses, for as she explained Lis cannot afford to take a fall for to break a leg would be disastrous. Although she has, through remarkable courage and determination, overcome the polio paralysis and risen to the top, she still has very little circulation in her legs. — A. D. R.

AHSA CONVENTION

Plans for an outstanding Association Convention at San Francisco on January 11-13, 1955, have been completed by officers of the American Horse Shows Association, with the help of the Association's Regional Committee for Zone 5.

Encouraged by the success of last January's two-day parley at St. Louis, AHSA now looks forward to its first visit to the far West, where for three

busy days delegates will meet, work and play in the famous Mark Hopkins Hotel, located atop fashionable Nob Hill, where they shall enjoy most attractive accommodations.

For many years AHSA's annual meeting in New York, and last year their luncheon took place in sky-high room by the same name at St. Louis' Chase Hotel. In San Francisco at least one function will be held at the "Top of the Mark" in the Mark Hopkins. This glass-enclosed room with its superb view of the Bay is one of the most popular attractions for visitors to this fabulous Pacific Coast city.

San Francisco will begin to greet visiting horsemen when the California State Horsemen's Assn comes in over the weekend for a series of meetings under President C. B. Williams.

OCEAN ROSE

Mrs. George P. Moore, Mintwood Farms, Roanoke, Virginia, writes that Ocean Rose in 1954 was in 17 recognized shows, won 11 championships, 4 reserves, and 13 stakes classes. Ocean Rose is the green working hunter champion of Virginia for 1954. The brown filly by Ocean Wave—Peerless One, by Whichone, bred by the Drymon-Metz Farm, Lexington, Ky., was a 1951 Keeneland Sales yearling. She was bought by Mr. and Mrs. George P. Moore, Jr., who broke and trained the filly for her career in the show ring, under their ownership.

SAGE TROPHY CPC

The Canadian Pony Club owes a particular debt to General J. Tupper Cole and Arthur McCashin who, despite an active Hunt Ball the previous night, got up early to tackle the judging of the Sage Trophy, an event for members of a Recognized Branch of the Pony Club, which was run as a sort of Prix Caprilli. Thirty children, far more than anticipated, ran the event practically into Saturday afternoon's performance. The winner was Elizabeth Ross, 14, a member of the London Hunt, Branch of the Pony Club. Norman Elder, Eglinton Hunt Branch was second and 9-year-old Michael Bunting from the same branch was third.

— A. D. R.

OLD CHATHAM FOOT BEAGLES

The Old Chatham Foot Beagles, an affiliate of the Old Chatham N. Y. Hunt Club, began their second season of hunting in October of this year under the leadership of a new Master. She is Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gammack of Kinderhook, who succeeded Mr. Orlan A. Johnson of Old Chatham. Mrs. Gammack was formerly associated with the Buckram Beagles and at one time had her own pack, the Kinderhook Beagles with kennels at Kinderhook.

Fields numbering upwards of 40 have followed the Old Chatham hounds and a number of successful teas have been enjoyed. The addition of a number of young beagle enthusiasts from Foxhollow School at Lenox, Mass., has added greatly to the spirit of Sunday afternoons in the field. One of the best hunts

of the year was recorded on October 31, at Balintra Farm, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Quinn in West Ghent, where a field of 44 participated in a 55-minute run on a jack rabbit before a kill was scored. First in on the kill was John S. Williams, Jr., former captain of the Princeton crew, who was later awarded his colors as was Mrs. A. S. Callan, Jr. in a ceremony at the tea which followed. — Ajax.

HUNT CLUB SITE SOLD

Although the Whitemarsh Valley Hunt Club in Flourtown, Pa., has gone the way of all flesh, many former habitués will be wending their way up the old familiar driveway next year. James C. Gentle, a club member and a member of the old hunt race committee, has purchased the site and will build a palatial residence on the old foundation. The building permit calls for a \$210,000 dwelling, a record price for the township since building permits went into effect 13 years ago. Aside from being a foxhunter, Mr. Gentle was an outstanding soccer player at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the U. S. Olympic field hockey team in 1932 and '36. — C. W.

NOTE FROM CHAGRIN VALLEY

Mary Jane Deering's outstanding "Lady Grey" died from an injury in the Hunting Field. "Lady Grey" has been an outstanding performing mare in Chagrin Valley for many years. Her fame began when she won Championships in junior divisions. As her owner out-grew the junior divisions, she and Lady Grey went on to win championships in jumper, local and working hunter divisions. In addition to her brilliance in the show ring, "Lady Grey" was one of the loveliest and best mannered horses in the Hunting Field.

AT THE ROYAL WINTER FAIR

In the Dressage Competition at the Royal Winter Fair, Larry McGuinness had quite a ride on Ernica II. Imported from Holland last winter and taken to Europe this summer by Mr. McGuinness with the Canadian International Jumping Team, the mare, which obviously has had considerable dressage training, would not settle down and persisted in doing the passage wherever the course called for a trot. Mr. McGuinness took her first to get himself settled on the course and concentrated on a good performance with his second horse Tara. This he achieved and received second place.

—Broadview

FLORIDA CIRCUIT

The South Florida Hunter Champions have been crowned. Young Larry Turner's good moving Sgt. Murphy took away the summer tri-color for the second straight year and runner up was Homer St. Gaudens grand old campaigner Patsy. Trophies and ribbons were presented at a recent banquet held by the Florida Horse Show Association in Miami.

Col. Jake Moon has moved to Gainesville, Fla., where he is teaching riding in connection with the University of Fla.

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VIRGINIA FARMS

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The Sandanona Beagles Painted By Michael Lyne For Morgan Wing, Jr.

Mr. Michael Lyne who has made several trips here from England to paint horses and hounds has included two beagle packs in his list of works, the Wolver Beagles, C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., Master Middleburg, Va. in 1953 and the Sandanona Beagles, Millbrook, New York in 1953.

Our cover page shows the Sandanona Beagles in full cry on a hare on their opening meet at Thorndale, Millbrook, October 10, 1953. Morgan Wing, Jr., Master and Huntsman is hunting the pack with Mrs. Wing Joint Master and Whipper-in with her Norwich Terrier, Killy Lieu (old English hunting term on view of hare corresponding to Tally Ho for fox), who regularly hunts with the pack. Next in line is Whipper-in Miss Adele Leavitt. In the background is mounted whipper-in Oakleigh L. Thorne who also serves as Chairman of the Hunt Committee. The majority of the beagles are from individual portraits painted in the kennels by Mr. Lyne. One of the more prominent is the tail hound, a bitch Vernon Somerset Barberry, a gift from Edith Gambrell, widow of the late Richard V. N. Gambrell, Master of the Vernon Somerset Beagles. Barberry at the age of eight won the 15 inch three hour stake for Sandanona at the National Beagle Club 1953 field trials.

Mr. Lyne, a beagler himself, and Master of his own pack in England for some years, was a very active member of the field on the day he made his drawings for this lovely water color.

In The Country

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He will take time to show his good mare Cherokee this season on the Sunshine Circuit. Col. Moon and Cherokee will long be remembered for their record 6'3" jump in the rain at Tampa last year.

A Florida Hunter and Jumper Association has been formed to help encourage hunter and jumper activities in the sunshine state. Mr. Homer St. Gaudens is acting chairman of the organization and he is being assisted by Col. W. M. Modisette. The Association entertained all hunter and jumper exhibitors with a party at Hobby Horse Farm during the South Miami Thanksgiving Show.

Jim and Jack Mitchell of Elfers, Fla. have purchased Peter Pan, an open jumper gelding by Hoop Jr. from Mrs. G. H. Larkins. This makes the second jumping acquisition for the Mitchells, who are well known for their ability with quarter horses; they bought the grey Thoroughbred, Belle Starr at Ocala last year. They will show in jumping and stock events on the 1954-55 Florida winter circuit.

Mrs. Herbert Eichert has obtained Disputer, a brown gelding by *Easton, which has made an excellent record in Maryland hunter trials. Mrs. Eichert spends her summer months in the Worthington Valley at Glyndon, Md., directly across from Alfred Vanderbilt's farm. She missed Native Dancer's homecoming but reports that his grey yearling sister is near to perfect.

"COURTESY OF A SUBSCRIBER"

The Chronicle is indebted to Mr. J. A. Miller of Kenton, Ohio, for the use of the old print "A Meeting of the Unemployed", which appeared on our Decem-



AT THE NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB TRIALS, Aldie, Va.—(L. to r.): Mrs. Dean Bedford, William Battin, and Morgan Wing drawing for order of running for the four couple class.

ber 3 front cover. The cut for this reproduction was placed on order this past summer and the credit line which went with the copy, at that time, read "Courtesy of a Subscriber—J. A. Miller". When we went to press Mr. Miller's name was inadvertently left out, for which we apologize.

PA. HORSE BREEDERS

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association held a dinner meeting on November 10 at the Mansion House Hotel in West Chester, Pa. Mr. Bryan Field, Vice President and General Manager of Delaware Park and well known radio and television commentator, gave a talk on conditions in Thoroughbred racing in America today. Following his talk movies from Post Time, U. S. A. were shown.

GODFREY RIDES AGAIN

Mr. Arthur Godfrey, the famous Radio and T. V. star, was out hunting with the Loudoun County Hounds Saturday, November 27. He said it was the first time in years that he had been hunting. It is so wonderful to know that his leg has recovered and that he is again able to enjoy a day's sport.

WINNER OF THE BECHERS

Mr. Leo Partridge writes from Nassau that his horse "Mr. Linnett" won the Bechers steeplechase at Aintree England early in November. Mr. Linnett is by the winner of the Irish Derby Rosewell by Orwell. His dam is Kinda out of Ida, which is from The Tetrach, Son-in-law line. Mr. Linnett won by a wide margin. He is entered in the Grand National at Aintree next March, and Mr. Partridge's many friends here in Virginia will be

wishing him well with his horse in that famous race. Mr. Partridge raced over the National Course some years ago in the Foxhunters race, coming in second on his own horse, "Lewis".

— Hilltopper

OUT WITH IROQUOIS

Enjoying the hunting with the Iroquois Hunt Club in Lexington, Ky., were Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Arnold of Miami, Fla. Mrs. Arnold was a regular with the Grimes Mill pack a few years ago.

HUNTING WITH RADNOR

The M. F. H. of Middleburg and Mrs. Newell Ward are spending ten days in Pennsylvania, hunting with Radnor and other packs in that vicinity. In the Master's absence Middleburg hounds are being taken out by Mrs. Peter Bidstrop.

— Hilltopper

"JACKET CUT"

During a cross country ride this fall, Master Prentiss Greenaway, a full four years, was overheard to make the following statement as he and his mother rode along side a freshly clipped horse. "Mum-mie, has that man's horse just had his jacket cut?"

RETIREMENT

Mrs. Mary Barbin, long noted in horse show circles, has told friends and business associates she is retiring from the show horse business after the first of January. Mrs. Barbin has trained and shown hunters for many years.

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POLO NEWS



Indoor Polo Gets An Early Start in Chicago at National Guard Armory

N. J. Schmitz

Indoor Polo at Chicago got underway on Saturday November 27 at the Chicago Avenue Armory under the management of Pat Connors—the individual high scorer for the past two seasons and already out in front after the first game of this season.

The Illinois National Guard is very gracious in allowing play to start so early in the season, as the armory on Chicago Ave. is in the midst of remodeling that has disrupted much of the National Guard administration facilities. The Chicago avenue armory is one of the best indoor rings in the Mid-West for horse sports.

Local players make up the teams—four teams in each division of the league. A spirited double header was enjoyed by all, and in the second game a flare of tempers brought the referee to remove two players from the field, an occasion not too often seen in play, but better than a bad spill from rough riding. The Shamrocks got off to a good start thanks to Jim Kramal who scored the first goal of the season for the team that was to win the first game of the double header. The second and third goals for the Shamrocks were scored by George Cokinis who is presently tied for second place in the individual scoring after the first encounter of the season. Cokinis plays forward for the Shamrocks.

The only tally of the Chukker for the Ramblers was made by Hugh Dalmar—one of last season's high scorers. At the end of the first the Shamrocks led three to one (3-1). In the second Connors scored twice for the Shamrocks and Cokinis once. Dalmar scored for the Ramblers—one goal and at the end of the chukker the score stood 6-2. The third was a banner period for Connors who scored four (4)—one an exceptional backhand from past the center of the floor. Cokinis scored one in the third and Dalmar for the Ramblers blasted two in—showing his mettle as high scorer of the past season still holds. Paul Smithson scored two for the Shamrocks—one a very well executed backhand. A penalty score was awarded the Ramblers in this chukker. In the last period Cokinis put two in for the Shamrocks, while Dalmar sunk one for the Ramblers. Final score 13-8 victory for the Shamrocks in the seasons first game.

In the second game between the Hornets and Knights, Jack Ryan of the Hornets was the only one to score and banged in one goal for the team on which he plays back. Jack also tallied the only goal in the second period for his team. Bill Stevens playing the center walked the first goal in for the Knights. Don McCarroll scored the next two for the

Knights. Don plays guard. Gene Schram scored in the second and Stevens again scored on a penalty for the Knights. One goal apiece for the Hornets and Knights in the third—one for Dick Henke and one for Casey of the Hornets. Henke alternated with Schram at Number one.

Casey scored on a number two penalty for the Hornets in the third period, and also scored twice in the final period while Jack Ryan scored once in the last chukker. A pony goal was credited to the Knights in the last period and Bill Stevens scored twice more. After five minutes of play in the last, the referee—Buster Mackey—removed Jack Baumgartner and Don McCarroll from the field for rough riding. The game finished with just four players, the Knights holding their lead. The final score:—9-6.

Chiefs Defeat Lancers Hornets Take Ramblers In Chicago Area Polo

N. J. Schmitz

Saturday night, December 4, saw the first appearance of the Lancers and Chiefs who appeared in the first game of the double header. The Chiefs came away victors, leading all the way, and were started on their win by Andy Lynch, center, who scored the first goal of the evening. Phil Kay forward, scored next; and Andy Lynch put in the third goal for the Chiefs. Art Mertz, guard, tallied next and then again for the Chiefs Bob Krone of the Lancers next scored on a penalty—the only score of the chukker for his side. Score 5-1 at end of first chukkers, Chiefs in the lead as they were all through the game.

Art Merts scored the first two in the second period for the Chiefs. Ernie Lambesis, Lancer guard, scored on a penalty two. Bob Krone scored next for the Lancers on a penalty two also. 7-3 Chiefs lead at the half.

On resumption of play, Andy Lynch scored on a penalty two and proceeded to follow it up with another goal. Lambesis tallied for the Lancers. 9-4 Chiefs lead at the end of the third.

In the final chukker the Lancers started to rally. Lambesis started with a goal, then Bob Krone. Lambesis followed with two more. Lynch scored for the Chiefs on a penalty two. Art Merts also scored for the Chiefs. Lancers were not able to catch the Chiefs who came away with a win. Final score 11-8. Lynch, Lambesis, and Merts each scored five goals apiece.

Paul Smithson started the second game with the first score for his team. Paul plays guard for the Ramblers. John Casey, the center for the Hornets and Jack Ryan, guard, each scored in that order. . . . A fast moving first period. 2-1 Hornets leading at the horn.

John Casey tallied for the Hornets on a penalty two, followed by Jack Ryan who put one in. For the Ramblers, who tallied next, it was Bill Miles. Ryan followed for the Hornets. Paul Smithson countered—scoring the next two goals for the Ramblers. Forward Jack Baumgardner of the Hornets was next to sink a goal, putting them in front at the half 4-3.

All Hornet goals in the third—One for John Casey, Center; and two for Jack Ryan who played a great game. 9-4 at the termination of the third.

The last chukker got off to an optimistic start for the Ramblers—Bill Miles scoring what turned out to be the last tally for the Ramblers. Casey and Ryan

in turn scored for the Hornets who won 11-5. Ryan captured the individual high scoring record with six goals in this game together with his past total for the season.

There are two divisions in the Chicago area, the Midwest Division, composed of the Shamrocks, Knights, Hornets, and Ramblers, and the Central Division composed of the Chiefs, Lancers, Hawks, and Cadets.

Squadron A Wins Over Meadow Brook Blues On Goal by Brady

Bill Briordy

Continuing his excellent play, Phil Brady filled the hero's role Saturday night, Dec. 4, at the Squadron A Armory when he stroked a goal in the final minute to give Squadron A a 10-9 success over the Meadow Brook Blues in a New York Indoor Polo Association match.

The victory enabled the Squadron A trio—Vincent Rizzo Brady and Joe Rizzo—to gain undisputed possession of the league lead. It was the second triumph in as many starts for the victors.

Giving away a four-goal allowance at the start, Squadron A rallied for eight of its goals in the second half. At intermission, the Brady-Rizzo brothers side had trailed by 7-2.

Brady, who hit four goals during the game, rapped three of his markers off the backboard in the fourth chukker. His final score of the evening broke a 9-all deadlock. Vince Rizzo headed Squadron A with five goals, while Joe made one.

Riding for the Blues were Bill Westerlund, Henry Lewis 3d and George Haas. Westerlund and Haas each stroked two markers, with Lewis making one.

The first match of the Dec. 4 program was a non-tournament affair which saw the Long Island Rough Riders, with Johnny Flynn, Herb Pennell and Archie Young halting the Commonwealth trio, 14-7. Pennell was the star of this match with seven goals. Young hit five tallies.

Peter Packard, Zenas Colt and Fred Zeller rode for Commonwealth, which trailed by 8-3 at half-time. Packard and Colt each registered three goals.

Lineups

Rough Riders	Commonwealth
1. J. Flynn	1. P. Packard
2. H. Pennell	2. Z. Colt

Back—A. Young	Back—F. Zeller
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Rough Riders —6 2 5 1—14

Commonwealth—1 2 3 1—7

Goals—Flynn 2, Pennell 7, Young 2; Packard 3, Colt 3, Zeller.

Referee—John Rice.

Squadron A

1. V. Rizzo

2. P. Brady

Back—J. Rizzo

Squadron A—2 0 4 4—10

Blues —7 0 1 1—9

Goals—V. Rizzo 5, Brady 4, J. Rizzo; Westerlund 2, Lewis, Haas 2.

Referee—L. T. Whitehead, Jr.

Blues

1. W. Westerlund

2. H. Lewis 3d

Back—G. Haas

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Desert Hunt

English Hounds in California

B. de Seyssel

(Reprinted From Field Sports)

A new hunt in a new country has its own particular problems. Ours, in California, with a scratch pack of English foxhounds, was early spring crops and nowhere to go after Christmas.

The desert, it seemed, was the only place. We could do no possible harm and there was plenty of it—hundreds of square miles, in fact, with a jack rabbit under every bush, quite a few foxes, and even coyote, if we went early or late enough in the day. Our hounds, we knew, would chase anything that got up in front of them. The only objection, apart from rattlesnakes, was cactus. Burrs from this all too common "prickly pear" variety would send the whole hunt, horses as well, into tearing, biting kicking hysterics.

To be reasonably free from this plant we had to go over a hundred miles. No one thought this at all far, and for our "trial hunt" a truck and trailer were hired to transport us overnight. It was January, but, even so, we were warned to be out there at dawn and avoid midday sun and drying winds.

On New Year's Day we fed hounds at four in the afternoon, had an early supper ourselves and got away about nine with twelve couple in the back of the truck and a two-horse trailer hitched on behind. Jo, my whipper-in, sat with the driver. I shared the straw with the hounds and went to sleep with a warm pile of them on top of me.

I woke being jerked about on a rough track and finally we stopped. It was quite dark, very still, and bitter cold, with a few faint stars high up and the smell of frost and sage. I climbed out, felt firm sand under my feet and sensed, rather than saw, through purple misty starlight, an immense brown plain everywhere. I sat on the running board, watching the east, my collar up to my ears. The air hurt my throat, as if it wasn't meant to breathe; as if during those mysterious waiting hours the desert plants and trees, which freeze and dry up when they die and lie for years without change, were giving off some ancient and forbidden incense.

It was terribly quiet. Nothing but the drip and tick of the truck engine settling down, a hound in the straw; once or twice the stamp of one of the horses on the trailer boards. Then Jo woke up and got out, slamming the door of the cab, but even that made no real noise, just a muffled "clunk," like shutting a big book; and we talked in whispers. . . for the life of me I can't think why. The driver was wide awake and there wasn't another soul for miles. . .

Joe was cold and stamped his feet, and we walked a little, eastwards, kicking against the rocks and bushes, and now the sky above some far hills began to lift in a long fang of yellow light; and, as we watched, it lengthened, widened and paled; and a few minutes later light was beating up in waves all over the sky, the last of the stars went out and we saw where we were. . . in the middle of a vast, tawny, speckled landscape, dim with a haze that lay like brown smoke over it.

Then, from a long way off came a sound that made us stiffen. First the echo, answered by a mournful coughing yelp. We were late. Coyote were already going home, slinking back in ones and twos to hide up from the sun; from the great red hand of light that all of a sudden stood up behind those hills and split along the ridge with a crack of brilliance we could almost hear; and from it came lance-shafts of crimson, driving across the desert level with our eyes, blinding us, stabbing at our backs when we turned to let out the hounds; and they tumbled into it, eager and fresh, a lively black and white mob on the dun-coloured sand.

The horses were fresh, too, humping their backs under cold saddles; No hacking on. We were there, with the hole of that red-gold desert as our hunting ground and no one to tell us we musn't go here or there. . . free as we'd never felt free before; and the hounds seemed to know it, heads down, hard to hold, like children in a new playground. . .

We found at once. Less than fifty yards from the truck, up got a whacking great hare, flattening her ears and laying herself down to go. Away they went after her, overrunning one of her relations on the way, because up got another right in the middle. They probably trod on her face. A highly delighted second half of the pack split off after her.

I chose the main body and bounded along, jumping logs and rocks and swerving round bushes, hanging on to the mane through one emergency after another and quite unable to blow the horn. But their cry in that clear golden air was a ring of wild bells in my ears, and I didn't care if I fell off twenty times.

In a short while it came smoother, or else we both got the hang of it better, and I managed a despairing toot and saw that, anyway, the faithful Jo had stopped his lot and was coming up with them fast. After that we kept more or less together and hunted on in sharp bursts, in zigs and zags, often in view,

as one fresh hare leapt up after another, wherever they went.

To prevent them from splitting during the runs we rode in close, on either flank, and after each check were content to get them away together at all, whether on the hunted hare or not. It was useless to worry on that score, and away we were all having far too much fun.

This went on for nearly an hour and then we noticed the sun on our heads instead of in our eyes and the air began to lose its freshness and blew in a hot little breeze, ruffling the dust in plumes over the backs of the hounds.

At the next check Jo and I pulled up on some high ground and took stock. The truck was now a very insignificant dot far off in a wide and shimmering plain.

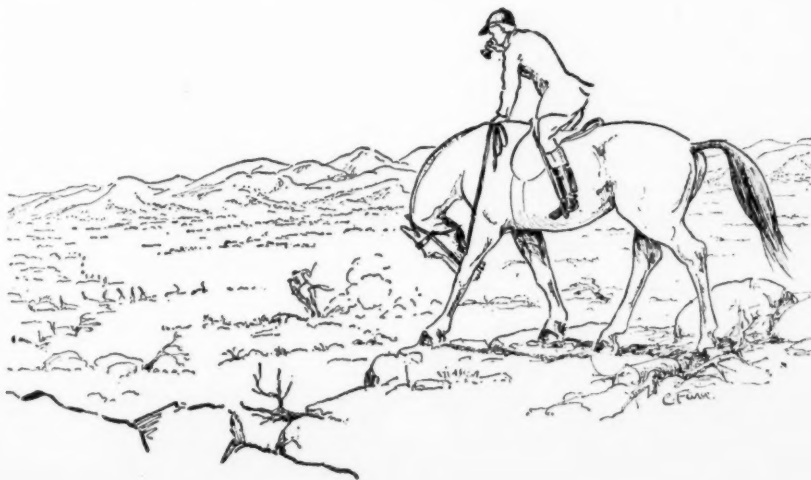
"Jo. . . I thinks praps we'd better st—"

"Hey! Wait a minute!" Jo's voice was low and sudden and he pointed. I couldn't see anything but the hounds, bunched in some sage, swarming back and fourth, returning again and again to the same spot. Then a single hound, quartering wide, gave tongue, and this, said the others, is it, and they swung to him, hung for a second, and then they were gone.

No zigs or zags this time to give us a chance to catch up. Like an Indian arrowhead they were running straight towards those spotted hills and we dug in our heels and leant forward and laid the reins on our ponies' necks; and for fifteen minutes all we saw was the flag of an ear or the tip of a stern as they jumped the bushes and we jumped and swerved after.

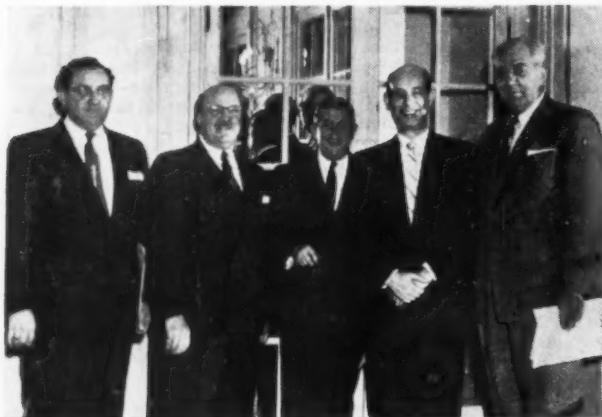
When at last we did get on terms, it was rather they who came back to us; for dust was blowing in earnest now and their eyes and mouths were white with it. Ahead of us, those hills were suddenly close and up there under one of those nasty-looking rocks a very indignant coyote lay panting and safe.

First round to him. But as he listened and wondered what devil-dogs of his own kind had given him such a fright, I sent him a challenge on the horn with all the breath I had left, a challenge and a warning. . . that we were coming back to find him again, further from home perhaps, when we'd run him off his mangey, thieving legs and give him a taste of his own dust, for which a grateful U. S. Government would pay us two dollars!

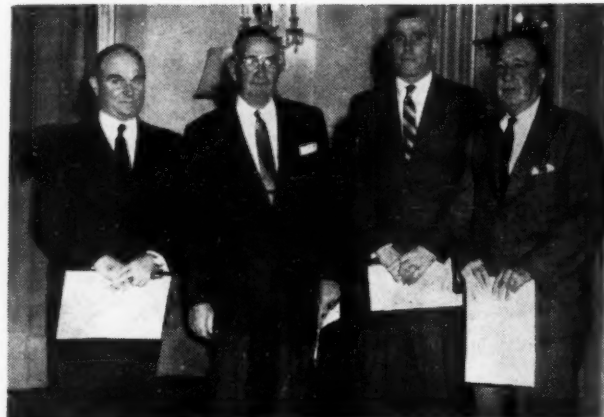


THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATIONS' MEETING

(D'Arlene Studios)



(L. to r.): John M. Heil, general manager of Timonium; Frank Fiore, vice-president of Atlantic City and Philip J. Baker, general manager; Louis Pondfield, vice-president and executive director of Pimlico; and Felix Gaudin, secretary of the Fair Grounds, New Orleans, La.



(L. to r.): Bryan Field, vice-president and general manager of Delaware Park; Edward J. Brennan, general manager of Monmouth Park; Louis Lee Haggin II, president of Keeneland Race Course; and F. Skiddy Von Stade, president of the Saratoga Assn.



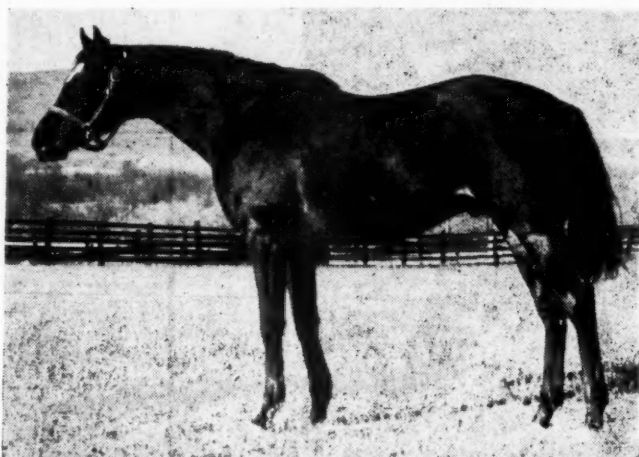
(L. to r.): George D. Widener, chairman of The Jockey Club, and president of Belmont Park; Harold E. Talbot, secretary of the Air Force, guest speaker; Amory L. Haskell, president TRA; Arthur Godfrey, master of ceremonies; and John A. Morris, president of Jamaica and treasurer of the TRA.



(Left Photo)—Eugene Mori, president of Garden State Park and John B. Kelly, president of Atlantic City. (Right Photo)—l. to r. J. D. Stewart, general manager of Hollywood Park; James Butler, secretary of the TRA; Gordon Guiberson and Walter Marty, officials of Del Mar Turf Club; and Russell Sweeney, resident-manager of Churchill Downs.

SOMETIMES { the fastest never start, like *ALIBHAI
they go wrong, like STIMULUS
they get hurt, like TROJAN MONARCH

His speed was no surprise. He was bred for it.



Won his first three with ease .

*Then second in one of his next
two stakes*

Each time with top weight

Out of only five starts

All within six weeks

At two

TROJAN MONARCH

br., 1950

(Property of Hon. George A. Garrett)

{ *Priam 1.

{ Evening Blue

{ Pharis

{ Djezima

{ Blue Larkspur

{ Evening Gown

{ Pharos

{ Carrissima

{ Asterus

{ Heldifann

{ Black Servant

{ Blossom Time

{ St. James

{ Tailor Made

Imp. Priam II — speed demon himself, best 2-yr.-old in France in '43, sire of such cracks as Stratonice (French Oaks, Prix Chloe), Simonetta (Prix Penelope), Cousin (6 wins and \$94,900, at two, including Saratoga Special, Hopeful, Flash, Great American Stakes); by the unbeaten Pharis, leader of the French sire list four times, one of the three most influential stallions of modern times.

Blue Larkspur — one of America's leading broodmare sires, descending directly from "The Black Whirlwind," Domino.

HE

was bred to run (the best French blood on the best American). And he did, with blazing speed.

was bred to become a sire (the best French blood on the best American). And he will. Wait.

entered stud last year, as a 4-year-old. His book was stopped at 15 choice mares.

got 13 of them in foal, including the stakes winner *Little Flirt.

is a beautiful horse to look at. With his finely chiseled head, large full eye, and long graceful neck, he looks like an English Print—except that he is better proportioned.

has a short back, powerful long quarters, and a deep girth. And he has the disposition of a gentleman.

**MANY A BREEDER HAS MISSED THE BOAT ON TOP SIRE PROSPECTS WHEN THEY HAVE
STARTED OFF CHEAP**

ALSO AT STUD HERE:

ALQUEST, br., '40. Questionnaire—Lilac Day, by Eternal

\$500 Live Foal

BOSS, b., '43. *Bull Dog—*Buckup, by Buchan

\$100 a Leap, or \$300 Live Foal

BLUE YONDER, ch., '43. Ariel—Reighzelle, by Reigh Count

\$250 Live Foal

\$250-Live Foal

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REVOKED'S STUD RECORD

First Crop (Foals of 1948)

NULLIFY—Stakes winner at 2, placed in stakes at 3, 4, 5.

REMOVE—Stakes winner at 2.

RECLINE—Stakes winner at 4 and 5.

Second Crop (Foals of 1949)

RECOVER—Stakes winner at 2, placed in stakes at 3 and 4.

BLUE REVOKE—Stakes winner at 2.

LANDMARK—Stakes winner at 3, placed in stakes at 2.

OUR EMBLEM—Stakes winner at 4.

AESTHETE—Placed in stakes at 2, 3, and 4.

Third Crop (Foals of 1950)

REJECTED—Stakes winner at 3 and 4.

AEROLITE—Stakes winner at 2.

CAJOLE—Stakes winner at 4, placed in stakes at 2 and 3.

COLD HEART—Placed in stakes at 2.

DOC WALKER—Placed in stakes at 2.

REPRIMAND—Placed in stakes at 2 and 3.

REVOLVE—Placed in stakes at 2 and 3.

Fourth Crop (Foals of 1951)

REVOLT—Stakes winner at 2, placed in stakes at 3.

REMAND—Placed in Stakes at 3.

Fifth Crop (Foals of 1952)

GEORGIAN—Stakes winner at 2, 1954.

TWO STARS—Stakes winner at 2, 1954.

SOFARSOGOOD—Stakes winner at 2, 1954.

